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BIRTH.

JOHNSON—January 5, 1932, at 89 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, to Phyllis (née Wakely), wife of Captain J. W. Johnson, the Royal Berkshire Regiment, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WILLIAMS and ANDERSON—December 31, 1931, at St. James's Parish Church, Dublin, by the Rev. E. M. Bateman, M.A., Rector, Robert Richard (Bertie) Williams, Toberbride, Colloonev, and Ballisodare, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Williams, Mountain House, Ballisodare, County Sligo, to Elizabeth Alicia (Bessie), third child (eldest surviving) of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, Rialto Lodge, Dublin

DEATHS.

BATTERTON—January 6, 1932, at his residence, 57 Irish street, Enniscorthy, William Batterton, aged 78 years. Funeral to Moyne Cemetery to-morrow (Friday) at 2 p.m.

BENTLEY—January 6, 1932, at Strand Cottage, Baldoyle, J. H. Bentley, late of Ordnance Survey Office, Phœnix Park. Funeral to-morrow (Friday), 8th inst., arriving at Castlekhock 12 noon.

BIBY—January 5, 1932, in the City of Dublin Hospital, the result of an accident, Thomas Biby, of 23 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook, beloved and devoted husband and father. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Funeral to-morrow (Friday) morning, arriving at Mount Jerome at 9.45 o'clock.

BRADSHAW—January 5, 1932, at 4 Dublin road, Nenagh, County Tipperary, Margaret Elia, daughter of the late Thomas and Maria Bradshaw. Funeral to Kilruane at 1 o'clock to-day (Thursday).

BUCKLEY—January 6, 1932, at his residence, Rushbofo', Abbeyleix, Thomas Henry, beloved husband of Elizabeth Buckley, and only son of the late Richard Buckley, Genshill. "God so loves that He gives everlasting life to those that trust Him." Funeral leaves for Ballinhobert, Stradbally, to-morrow (Friday) at 1 o'clock.

BYRNE—January 5, 1932, at his residence, Dublin road, Drogheda, James Byrne, Butcher (9 West street, Drogheda). R.I.P. Remains were removed to St. Mary's Church yesterday (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock. Office and High Mass in St. Mary's this (Thursday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral immediately afterwards to St. Peter's Cemetery.

BYRNE—January 5, 1932, at the residence of her sister, White Hall, Drogheda, Maggie, daughter of the late Andrew and Hannah Byrne, formerly of Castle street, Ardee. Funeral (private) from Donore Church, after 10 o'clock Mass, this (Thursday) morning to Dumbride, County Meath. No flowers.

DARBY—January 5, 1932, in London, of pneumonia, Mildred Henrietta Gordon, wife of Jonathan C. Darby, of Leap Castle, King's County, and Barrack Bay, Nenagh, Ireland, and youngest daughter of Richard Dill, of Birchwood, Burgess Hill, Sussex. Cremation (private) at Golder's Green. Funeral at the Extra Mural Cemetery, Brighton, to-morrow (Friday) at 11.45 a.m.

FARRELL—January 6, 1932, at The Elm, Ranelagh, Dublin, Elizabeth Farrell. R.I.P. Funeral private.

FITZSIMON—January 5, 1932, at 53 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, Richard Fitzsimon. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Mass at Westland Row Church at 11 a.m. Funeral leaves Westland Row Church for Clontarf at 2 p.m. sharp to-day. No flowers.

HASLAM—January 5, 1932, at her residence, 16 Albany road, Rimeleigh, Caroline Alberta, widow of the late James Barker Haslam. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Funeral private.

HOPE—January 5, 1932, at St. John's Hospital, Limerick, Mary, widow of the late Patrick Hope, Blackstown, Enfield, County Meath, and daughter of the late Patrick Coffey, Fort Ryan, Newport, County Tipperary. R.I.P. Remains were removed to St. John's Cathedral yesterday (Wednesday) at 4.30 o'clock. Office and High Mass at 8.30 this (Thursday) morning. Funeral immediately after for Jordanstown, County Meath (*via* Naas and Kilcock), arriving at Jordanstown about 2 o'clock.

McLEAN—January 6, 1932, at Nursing Home, Miss Blanche Mabel McLean, second daughter of late James McLean, Inchicore road. Funeral private.

MANNING—January 2, 1932, suddenly, at Tudor Lodge, North Warnborough, Odiham, Hants, Agneb Matilda Manning, widow of Rev. T. W. Manning, late Rector of Kilmacow. Funeral took place at Kilmacow yesterday (Wednesday), January 6th.

NEWTON—January 5, 1932, at her residence, 45 Sandycove road, Emily, widow of the late Willoughby Chaplin Newton, Newton Park, Wicklow. Funeral private. No flowers.

SINCLAIR—January 6, 1932, at 95 Lower Mount street, Arthur, dearly-beloved husband of Louisa Sinclair, late of Waite and Moates.

VIRTUE—January 6, 1932, at his residence, "Edenmore," Seaview avenue, Clontarf, George B. Virtue, Department of Agriculture, late of Mayo County Council. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife, sons and daughters. Funeral arrangements later. American papers please copy.

WILSON—January 3, 1932, at his residence, 31 Deramore Drive, Belfast, Daniel Martin Wilson, youngest son of the late Rev. Doctor Wilson, Limerick. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, by request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 6.

IN MEMORIAM.

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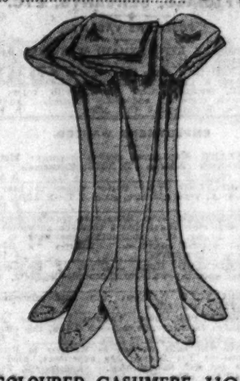

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Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of eight days application will be made in the Principal Registry of the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice Saorstat Eireann for the Sealing of the Probate of the Will of John Nicholson Talbot, deceased, granted by the Wellington District of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, at Wellington, on the 26th August, 1931. Dated this 5th day of January, 1932.
THOMAS EXHAM and SONS, Solicitors for Administrator, 19 Eustace street, Dublin.

Gazette Notice—Adjudication—Public Sittings.—17.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
HUGH McFADDEN, of Breenagh, Letterkenny, in the County of Donegal, Shopkeeper, was on the 24th day of December, 1931, adjudged Bankrupt.
Public Sittings will be held before the Court at the Law Courts, Inns quay, Dublin, on Friday, the 22nd day of January, 1932, and on Friday, the 5th day of February, 1932, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, whereat the Bankrupt is to attend, and to make a full disclosure and discovery of his estate and effects, Creditors may prove their debts, and at the First Sitting choose a Creditors' Assignee. At the Last Sitting the Bankrupt is required to finish his examination.
All persons having in their possession any property of the Bankrupt should deliver it, and all debts due to the Bankrupt should be paid to A. G. Hollinshead, Official Assignee, Law Courts, Inns quay, Dublin, to whom creditors may forward their affidavits of debt.
W. A. T. COBBE, Court Registrar.
EUGENE F. COLLINS and SON, Solicitors, Temple Chambers, 19 Eustace street, Dublin.

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EXPERIENCED young Girl seeks position Assistant Confectionery preferred; well recommended.—905, Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge. 3 D

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WEXFORD—Experienced WORKING GARDENER WANTED, young; preferably wife able plain dressmaking. Address "Z 2093, Gardener," this office. 5 F

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FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Thursday, January 7.

AN CHUIRT BHREITHEAMHNAIS CHUARDA (Circuit Court of Justice.)

Before Judge Davitt, at Green street. For Monday, 11th January, at 12.30 o'clock—Calling of the List.

Before Judge Shannon. For Monday, 11th January, at Four Courts. At the conclusion of the meeting of the Benchers. Civil Actions—Hanley v. Dublin United Tramways Company (1896), Ltd.; Corr v. Marshall; Hynes v. Marshall; Jones v. Morris.

Before Judge Davitt, at Green street. For Tuesday, 12th January, at 11 o'clock. Equity—Mary Harling, a minor; Bridget Broderick, a minor; William, a minor; Peter Keeler, a minor; Kavanagh, minors; Mackle, minors; Egan, minors; McGlade, minors; Kate Carroll; Ellis v. Patterson; Wade v. Wade; Redmond v. Brady; Hayes v. Hayes; Darling v. Darling; McEvoy; National City Bank v. K. Gardiner & M'Quillan v. Gurnitch; Doyle v. Donnelly; Hayden v. Walsh and another; Kelly v. Crossley Brothers, Ltd.

Before Judge Shannon. For Tuesday, 12th January, at 11 o'clock. Equity—Fleming and others v. Fitzsimons. Civil Actions—Joyce v. Pacitti; Jameson (Dublin, Ltd.) v. Tickner; Keogh v. Cook and Son; Burke v. Ryan (Rent Act); Kelly v. Dublin United Tramways Company (1896), Ltd.; Kennedy v. National Bank, Ltd.

Before Judge Davitt, at Green street Courthouse. For Wednesday, 13th January, at 11 o'clock. Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906—Patrick Deegan (applicant), White Bros. (respondents); Elizabeth Herbert, Daniel J. Healy; H. and J. Martin, Ltd., Christopher Murray; Murphy Bros., Jim McAuley; John Armstrong, Henry P. Sheridan; John Byrne, Palgrame Murphy, Ltd.; James Clarke, James Barry; John Farrell, Farmer Bros.; Alfred Smith and Co., Ltd., John Finlay; Francis O'Brien, David C. Pickman; Felix O'Hanlon, Thomas Gall; John Phoenix, the Great Southern Railways; James Potts, T. R. Scott and Co.; William Reilly, Lower Coffee Co. Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. Applications for Compensation for Criminal Injury. Applicants—Electricity Supply Board; Alfred Cowan; John Martin and Martin Scanlon. The following civil actions will shortly appear in Judge Shannon's list:—O'Mahony v. Byrne and others; Knox v. Dublin United Tramways Company (1896), Ltd.; Keane v. Keane; Dublin Corporation v. Pacitti; Leonard v. Black; McMahon v. Martin; Murray v. Murphy; Moore v. McKeown; MacMillan v. Greivelinger Frost and others; Murphy v. Corporation of Dublin; and another v. Morrissey and others v. O'Reilly; MacInerney v. Donnelly; McQuillan v. Fleming; McCloskey and Sons, Ltd., v. Cooke; Morgan v. Great Southern Railways Co.; Neary v. Walsh; Fitzpatrick v. Nolan-Whelan; Kenny v. Donegan; O'Hara and Co., Ltd., v. Ishitzki; O'Dea v. O'Neill; O'Reilly v. Anderson; Fender v. Terenure Laundry Co., Ltd.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

(Examiner's Chambers 93 Merrion square.)

Before Mr. Jeffrey White, Chief Examiner, at 11.30 o'clock—P. G. Collins and another (S. 3804), vouch.

Before Mr. Franks, at 11 o'clock—O'Connell's Estate (S 7081).

Before Mr. Brett, at 11 o'clock—Lord Ventry (S. 5381), vouch. At 3 o'clock—Irish Land Commission (formerly Irish Land Purchase Settlement Company, Limited) (S. 2926), settle schedule.

Before Mr. Grove White, at 11 o'clock—Patrick Beegan (S. 1098), vouch. At 12 o'clock—Lord Gormanstown (Alcock's Charge), vouch. At 3 o'clock—William Baillie and others (S. 1125), vouch. At 4 o'clock—Bernard McDonagh (S. 10002), vouch.

Before Mr. Michael Dawson, at 11.30 o'clock—Mai Coffey (S. 766), vouch.

WINDFALL FROM BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

At the meeting of the Joint Mental Hospital Committee at Portrane, yesterday, the Chief Clerk, Mr. James J. Doyle, reported that £766 2s. 2d. had been received from the British Ministry of Pensions for arrears of maintenance of ex-Service patients from 1926-27 to 1930-31, owing to the cost of maintenance during these years having been increased as a result of the Supreme Court decision of December, 1930, in the Wood's case.

Dr. J. O'C. Donelan, Resident Medical Superintendent, announced that Mrs. Josephine McLoughlin, organist of the Catholic Chapel, Grangegorman, died on Sunday last. She had been in the Committee's service for thirty-two years, and had always been most regular and conscientious in the discharge of her duties. Dr. Donelan suggested that Nurse Kathleen Donnelly should be appointed to fill the vacancy, and the recommendation was agreed to.

Mr. P. J. Curran moved that application be made to the Free State Minister for Local Government and Public Health for sanction to a loan of £10,500 for the erection of twenty-four houses on the Portrane estate, in accordance with the plans sanctioned by the Minister in August, 1931. The work, he suggested, should be carried out by direct labour, under the supervision of the chief engineer of the hospital, Mr. S. J. McClure.

The motion, which was seconded by Councillor Cahill, was passed.

On the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commission, Dublin, Mr. James C. Dorney, of Upper Mountpleasant avenue, Rathmines, was appointed assistant storekeeper of the hospital. Senator Mrs. T. Clarke presided.

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EN'S SHOP-LIFTING EXPEDITION.
BEFORE MR. CUSSEN.) oystead and her daughter, Kath- 5 South William street, who stody under remand, were again ore the Court on the charge of ft a quantity of goods during week and on other dates from he leading drapery stores in Graf- and O'Connell street. ord preferred a further charge n of having the stolen property their possession. Byrne (instructed by Mr. Fuller- e defendants, said that Kathleen intained that she bought a large f the property in question. They able people. He pleaded guilty. n said that the articles taken any great value; but the de- o had gone on a raiding expedi- the city, had been caught red- a police woman. ndants were further remanded ay in order that inquiries might he meantime as to their previous

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nolly, Upper Exchange street, Farrington, 37 Wexford street, brought before the Court, and recognisances to keep the peace ars, and to sever all connection ublican Army and other unlawful

TER'S COURT.
S AND SUMMONSES.
of the High Court sat in the Dublin, yesterday, and disposed of motions and summonses, none of public interest.

HURCH SERVICES.
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BUILDING & RECONSTRUCTION

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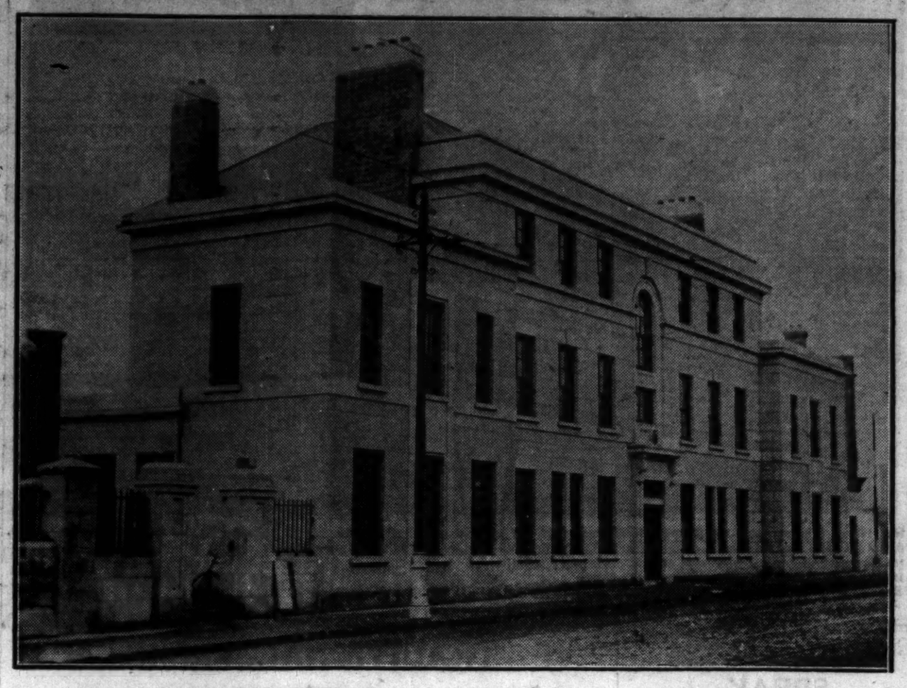
NEW METROPOLITAN GARDA STATION AT DONNYBROOK.



The new Metropolitan Garda Station, Donnybrook, shown above, replaces an old three-storey masonry building of small rooms and low ceilings, which was taken down by the Pembroke U.D.C. when carrying out their street widening scheme about a year ago.

The old building, originally a dwelling house, was not particularly suitable for its purpose, and the cleared site provided an opportunity for designing a building appropriate to the needs of a modern Garda Station. At one end of the building, entered off a small courtyard, duly emphasised by massive gate piers and iron railings, is the public office, communicating with the guard and reserve rooms, and by a connecting corridor with the cells, cycle store and sergeants' offices. At the other end are grouped the kitchen and domestic offices, stores, and mess rooms, with a separate tradesmen entrance, while the centre of the block is marked by the main entrance and staircase communicating with the upper floors.

The first floor is given up to recreation and reading rooms on one side, and the cleaning, bathroom, drying room, and stores on the other. The second floor is occupied by the sleeping quarters for the men. The object aimed at was to provide a rapid and efficient public service, combined with comfortable residential quarters for the single men, kept out of sight and sound of their normal civic duties.

The construction is substantial and simple, with Dolphin's Barn brick outer walling, faced with Ballyknocken granite to the main street, floors of reinforced concrete, rubber covered to prevent noise and for easy cleaning. The walls are of hard wall plaster, windows of teak, doors of red deal faced both sides with single plywood panels and with simple trimmings, free from recesses holding dust, painted a scumbled brown and varnished, with the same object in view.

The centre block is roofed with Killaloe slates, with copper gutters behind the parapet, and the side wings are flat reinforced concrete, covered with the Dublin Asphalte Co.'s 3-ply felt and tarmac.

A few of the residential rooms have fireplaces, but a low pressure heating system of pipes and radiators is provided for the building generally in the interests of economy and cleanliness, and electric light is installed throughout.

The design is a modern rendering of the Georgian style, depending for its effect upon the massing of its parts and the emphasis of the central doorway and window over.

The general contractors are Messrs. G. and T. Crampton, Ltd., Hammersmith Works, Ballsbridge.

The sub-contractors are:—

Messrs. Hadens, Engineering Co., Ltd., for heating and lighting.

Messrs. Smallman and Co. for sanitary ware.

Messrs. F. P. Kernan, Son and Co., supplied the copper work.

Messrs. T. and C. Martin, Ltd., the Irish roofing slates.

Messrs. Brooks Thomas and Co. for structural steel.

Messrs. Kennan and Sons, Ltd., for wrought iron balustrade and stair flights and landings.

Messrs. Dockrell, Sons and Co. for bronze grills.

The design was prepared under the direction of the Chief Architect to the Board of Public Works, Mr. T. J. Byrne, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.I., and under the supervision of Mr. J. M. Fairweather, M.R.I.A.I.

PLANS FOR BUILDING WORKS IN DUBLIN.

The following plans for new buildings and works of reconstruction have been approved by Mr. Horace T. O'Rourke, City Architect, Dublin Corporation:—

11 Clare road, Drumcondra (garage)—L. Carr.

Abbeyfield road, Killester (hall)—Ex-Service men.

Rostrevor road (six houses)—J. Pickering.

Kimmage Cross-roads (two stores and garage)—J. Waters.

Jones's road (additions to sweet factory)—J. McGivern.

Cork street (alterations)—Donnelly's Bacon Works.

2 Usher's quay (shop and offices)—M. Molloy.

Park Drive, Ranelagh (house)—J. Gordon.

97 Upper Dorset street (alterations, etc.)—Miss Connolly.

25a Hill street (shop)—P. J. Headon.

Cabra Park (5 houses)—Mrs. Cook.

54 Amiens street (store)—Messrs. Tomkins.

9 Burgh quay (alterations)—P. J. Smyth and Co.

92 South Circular road, Portobello (addition)—Mrs. Heffernan.

10 North Frederick street (stores)—Mrs. Cobb.

47 Anglesea road (garage)—Mr. Flood.

2 Ramleigh villas, Milltown (store)—C. J. Whelan.

33 Dame street (alteration, new rear exit)—Hospitals' Trust.

Whitehall road, Kimmage (bungalow)—T. Corby.

14 Burlington road (garage)—Major Martin.

54 Waterloo road (garage)—A. Cairn Duff.

Mount Prospect avenue (house)—John Murray.

Ormond road, Drumcondra (two houses)—Messrs. Gallagher.

Marrowbone lane (caretaker's house)—Scribbans and Co.

S.C. road, Dolphin's Barn (shop dwelling)—Miss Hyland.

Crumlin road (bungalow)—Mrs. Connolly.

16 Nelson street (garage)—H. Clerkin.

39 Botanic avenue (addition)—R. Dickie.

Ballybough (15 houses)—Miss McLoughlin.

Kimmage road, West (four houses)—W. and J. Bolger.

Harold's Cross road (seven shop dwellings)—S. Boyce.

Lincoln place (alterations)—Dental Hospital.

30 Upper Abbey street (loading gallery)—Coyle, Ltd.

43 South Circular road, Portobello (shed)—J. Canavan.

30 South Earl street (rebuilding front wall)—Joshua Watson and Co., Ltd.

HOUSING IN THE FREE STATE.

SEVEN YEARS' PROGRESS.

The following figures, taken from the first issue of the Free State official Statistical Abstract recently issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce, will be of interest to those engaged in the building and engineering trades.

From the building section the following figures emerge:—

The number of private houses in the Saorstat in 1926 was 599,509, of which 24,887 were uninhabited. In addition, 1,814 dwellings were in course of erection.

As showing the steady increase in State-aided housing schemes the following figures of houses built with State-aid by private persons and public utility societies are remarkable:—During 1924-5, 512; 1925-6, 2,304; 1926-7, 2,468; 1927-8, 1,739; 1928-9, 2,037; making a total of 9,060.

The corresponding figures for State-aided houses built by local authorities were:—1922-3, 18; 1923-4, 446; 1924-5, 955; 1925-6, 1,077; 1926-7, 1,243; 1927-8, 385; 1928-9, 686; making a total of 4,820. The combined total for both classes for the seven years is 13,880.

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NEW BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION.

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By Great Southern Railways, by 13th January, for maintenance of 1863 weighing machines on eight sections of the railway system.

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By Monaghan Urban Council, by 15th January, for supply and erection of duplicate sets of crude oil engines and centrifugal pumps.

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By Commissioners of Public Works, by 12th January, for the erection of a building at Moydrum, Athlone, for a high-power Broadcasting Station.

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By Dublin Co. Board of Health, by 2nd February, for construction of a sewerage system between Holmpatrick terrace, Skerries, and Shinnicks Island.

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By Dublin Port and Docks Board, by 26th January, for repainting iron work on the west quay walls and bridges from O'Connell Bridge to Kingsbridge.

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By County Borough of Dublin, by 19th January, for supply of 80 lineal yards of flanged steel piping, partly 20 inches in diameter and partly 24 inches.

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By Corporation of Cork, by 21st January, for the erection of new City Hall and Municipal Offices on the site at Albert quay.

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By Sligo District Mental Hospital, by 26th January, for installation of electric light in the hospital.

DUBLIN NOTES.

Dublin County Board of Health have under consideration the following schemes:—Lucan Water Supply, £15,600; Rathcoole and Saggart Water Supply, £4,000; Sandyford Sewerage, £13,500; Kilmacud Water Supply, £2,500; Bray Road Sewerage, £8,000; Clondalkin Sewerage, £8,500; Kimmage Road West Sewerage, £2,500.

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Dublin County Council has received sanction to the raising of a loan of £25,000 for the Skerries Sewerage Scheme, and out of the £6,000 Government grant allocated to Co. Dublin to relieve unemployment, £2,000 is to be set aside for that scheme.

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Holles street Maternity Hospital, Dublin, is to be completely rebuilt on the most modern lines. It will occupy almost the whole of one side of Holles street, and run into Merrion square. It is expected that the work will shortly be offered for tender.

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ITEMS.

Roscommon County Board of Health has applied for a grant of £41,000 out of the proceeds of the Dublin Hospitals' Sweepstake, and, if successful, will devote £13,000 to provide and equip a county tuberculosis hospital; £10,000 for a new district hospital at Boyle; £6,000 to improve the county surgical hospital, and £12,000 to improve the combined County Home, County Medical Hospital, County Nursery, and Children's Home and Auxiliary Mental Hospital.

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Messrs. R. D. Pollock and Co., Ltd., Bangor, have been given the contract for Donaghadee Waterworks at £19,746. There were 11 tenders, the highest being £33,917. Mr. J. F. J. Reynolds, who has been appointed resident engineer, supervised the Kans Waterworks, Nigeria, and the Genoa Waterworks.

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Dungannon Regional Committee accepted the tender of Mr. McNeill, Portadown, at £444 for brick-building a new school at Clonoe. Other tenders were:—Messrs. P. Martin and Co., brick £605, wood £565; J. Cummings, brick £575, wood £535. Mr. McNeill tendered for wood at £410.

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Newcastle (Co. Down) Urban Council has placed a contract for the construction of a swimming pond with Mr. Isaac Hamilton, contractor, Annalong, Co. Down, the contract price being £3,367. There were five other tenders, the highest being £6,493.

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The Town Clerk and Borough Manager of Dun Laoghaire (Mr. P. J. Hernon) has accepted the tender of Mr. Joseph Rooney, contractor, Balbriggan, for the building of fifty-six three-roomed houses at Kill avenue, at a sum of £15,749.

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Newry Urban Council accepted the tender of Mr. James Wilson at £315 for the erection of a garage for ambulances. The tenders were:—Mr. Henry Savage, £384, and Mr. James Neary, £369.

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County Wicklow Board of Health accepted the tender of Messrs. William Clarke, contractors, Wicklow, for the erection of sanitary annexes at the County Home, Rathdrum, at £1,465.

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Wicklow County Board of Health accepted the tender of Messrs. Fleming Bros. at £2,134 for Greystones sewerage work, and that of Messrs. Britting and Co. at £529 for Greystones water mains extension.

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Limerick Harbour Board on Monday accepted the tender of the Netherlands Harbour Engineering Company, Amsterdam, for the proposed extension of the Dock Basin, at a cost of £79,947.

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Mayo County Council Commissioner accepted the lowest of four tenders—that of Mr. J. Chambers, Castlebar, at £300 for the erection of a machinery shed at Castlebar Courthouse.

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Kerry Vocational Education Committee decided to make provision for the borrowing of £5,000 for the erection and equipment of technical schools in Kenmare and Dingle.

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County Mayo Commissioner accepted the tender of Mr. M. Diskin, Hollymount, at £1,600, for the erection of a residence for the medical officer at the sanitorium, Ballinrobe.

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Portlaoighise Mental Hospital Committee accepted the tender of the Brightside Foundry and Engineering Co., Ltd., Liverpool, at £2,295 for provision of new laundry plant.

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Mr. Commissioner Bartley, for Mayo County Board of Health, accepted the tender of Mr. John Connor at £109 for fencing of Keelogues Graveyard.

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Wexford County Board of Health accepted the tender of Messrs. P. O'Brien and L. Egan for alterations to Oulart Dispensary at £209.

ROAD BUILDING AT INDUSTRIES FAIR.

A road 60 feet wide and over a quarter-of-a-mile long is to be the biggest exhibit in the British Industries Fair in February. The road is to be constructed outside the Fair Buildings at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, while the Fair is in progress, as a practical demonstration by exhibitors in the new section for quarry and road-making plant. It will be the biggest demonstration of its kind ever carried out. Hundreds of tons of stone will be brought from quarries, emptied into hoppers and fed into mammoth machines to be crushed and graded into several different sizes.

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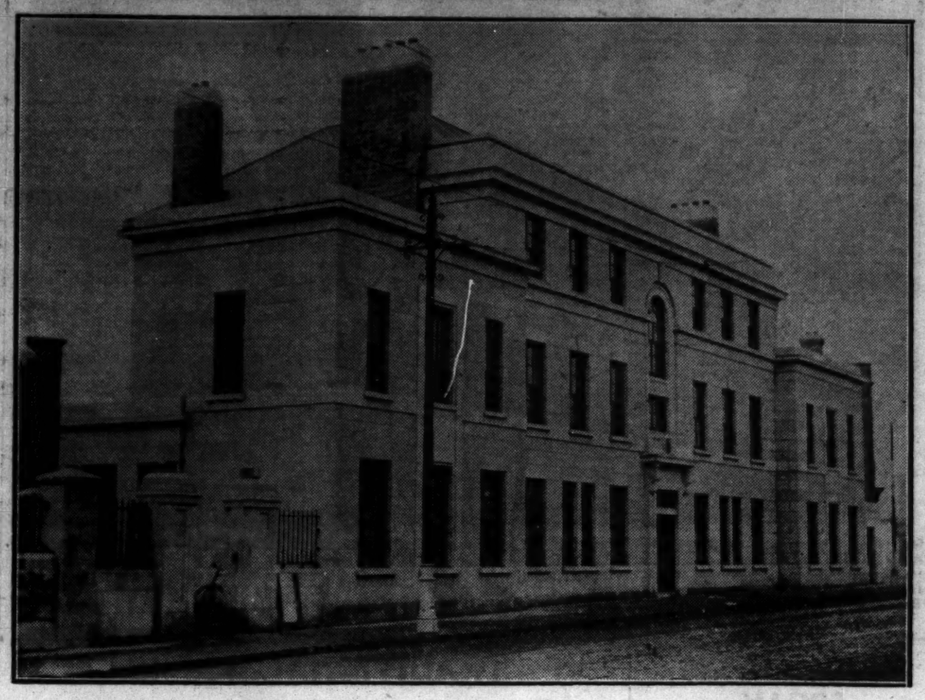

The new Metropolitan Garda Station, Donnybrook, shown above, replaces an old three-storey masonry building of small rooms and low ceilings, which was taken down by the Pembroke U.D.C. when carrying out their street widening scheme about a year ago.

The old building, originally a dwelling house, was not particularly suitable for its purpose, and the cleared site provided an opportunity for designing a building appropriate to the needs of a modern Garda Station. At one end of the building, entered off a small courtyard, duly emphasised by massive gate piers and iron railings, is the public office, communicating with the guard and reserve rooms, and by a connecting corridor with the cells, cycle store and sergeants' offices. At the other end are grouped the kitchen and domestic offices, stores, and mess rooms, with a separate tradesmen entrance, while the centre of the block is marked by the main entrance and staircase communicating with the upper floors.

The first floor is given up to recreation and reading rooms on one side, and the cleaning, bathroom, drying room, and stores on the other. The second floor is occupied by the sleeping quarters for the men. The object aimed at was to provide a rapid and efficient public service, combined with comfortable residential quarters for the single men, kept out of sight and sound of their normal civic duties.

The construction is substantial and simple, with Dolphin's Barn brick outer walling, faced with Ballyknocken granite to the main street, floors of reinforced concrete, rubber covered to prevent noise and for easy cleaning. The walls are of hard wall plaster, windows of teak, doors of red deal faced both sides with single plywood panels and with simple trimmings, free from recesses holding dust, painted a scumbled brown and varnished, with the same object in view.

The centre block is roofed with Killaloe slates, with copper gutters behind the parapet, and the side wings are flat reinforced concrete, covered with the Dublin Asphalte Co.'s 3-ply felt and tarmac.

A few of the residential rooms have fireplaces, but a low pressure heating system of pipes and radiators is provided for the building generally in the interests of economy and cleanliness, and electric light is installed throughout.

The design is a modern rendering of the Georgian style, depending for its effect upon the massing of its parts and the emphasis of the central doorway and window over.

The general contractors are Messrs. G. and T. Crampton, Ltd., Hammersmith Works, Ballsbridge.

The sub-contractors are:—
Messrs. Hadens, Engineering Co., Ltd., for heating and lighting.
Messrs. Smallman and Co. for sanitary ware.
Messrs. F. P. Kernan, Son and Co., supplied the copper work.
Messrs. T. and C. Martin, Ltd., the Irish roofing slates.
Messrs. Brooks Thomas and Co. for structural steel.
Messrs. Kennan and Sons, Ltd., for wrought iron balustrade and stair flights and landings.
Messrs. Dockrell, Sons and Co. for bronze grills.

The design was prepared under the direction of the Chief Architect to the Board of Public Works, Mr. T. J. Byrne, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.I.A.I., and under the supervision of Mr. J. M. Fairweather, M.R.I.A.I.

PLANS FOR BUILDING WORKS IN DUBLIN.

The following plans for new buildings and works of reconstruction have been approved by Mr. Horace T. O'Rourke, City Architect, Dublin Corporation:—

11 Clare road, Drumcondra (garage)—L. Carr.
Abbeyfield road, Killester (hall)—Ex-Service men.
Rostrevor road (six houses)—J. Pickering.
Kimmage Cross-roads (two stores and garage)—J. Waters.
Jones's road (additions to sweet factory)—J. McGivern.
Cork street (alterations)—Donnelly's Bacon Works.
2 Usher's quay (shop and offices)—M. Molloy.
Park Drive, Ranelagh (house)—J. Gordon.
97 Upper Dorset street (alterations, etc.)—Miss Connolly.
25a Hill street (shop)—P. J. Headon.
Cabra Park (5 houses)—Mrs. Cook.
54 Amiens street (store)—Messrs. Tomkins.
9 Burgh quay (alterations)—P. J. Smyth and Co.
92 South Circular road, Portobello (addition)—Mrs. Heffernan.
10 North Frederick street (stores)—Mrs. Cobb.
47 Anglesea road (garage)—Mr. Flood.
2 Ramleigh villas, Milltown (store)—C. J. Whelan.
33 Dame street (alteration, new rear exit)—Hospitals' Trust.
Whitehall road, Kimmage (bungalow)—T. Corby.
14 Burlington road (garage)—Major Martin.
54 Waterloo road (garage)—A. Cairn Duff.
Mount Prospect avenue (house)—John Murray.
Ormond road, Drumcondra (two houses)—Messrs. Gallagher.
Marrowbone lane (caretaker's house)—Scribbans and Co.
S.C. road, Dolphin's Barn (shop dwelling)—Miss Hyland.
Crumlin road (bungalow)—Mrs. Connolly.
16 Nelson street (garage)—H. Clerkin.
39 Botanic avenue (addition)—R. Dickie.
Ballybough (15 houses)—Miss McLoughlin.
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HOUSING IN THE FREE STATE.

SEVEN YEARS' PROGRESS.

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TENDERS WANTED.

NEW BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION.

By Committee of Munster Branch of Irish Rugby Football Union, by 15th January, for the following works in connection with their new football field at Hassett's Cross, Limerick:—(1) Erection of reinforced concrete retaining wall. (2) Supply and erection of steel-framed corrugated iron unclimbable fencing with serrated tops. (3) Supply and erection of 4 double gates, 12 feet wide, and 6 No. turnstiles. (4) Supply and erection of grand stand to accommodate 1,000 persons; (a) with dressing rooms, (b) without dressing rooms.

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By Great Southern Railways, by 13th January, for maintenance of 1883 weighing machines on eight sections of the railway system.

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By Monaghan Urban Council, by 15th January, for supply and erection of duplicate sets of crude oil engines and centrifugal pumps.

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By Commissioners of Public Works, by 12th January, for the erection of a building at Moydrum, Athlone, for a high-power Broadcasting Station.

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By Dublin Co. Board of Health, by 2nd February, for construction of a sewerage system between Holmpatrick terrace, Skerries, and Shinnicks Island.

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By Dublin Port and Docks Board, by 26th January, for repainting iron work on the west quay walls and bridges from O'Connell Bridge to Kingsbridge.

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By County Borough of Dublin, by 19th January, for supply of 80 lineal yards of flanged steel piping, partly 20 inches in diameter and partly 24 inches.

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By Corporation of Cork, by 21st January, for the erection of new City Hall and Municipal Offices on the site at Albert quay.

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By Sligo District Mental Hospital, by 26th January, for installation of electric light in the hospital.

DUBLIN NOTES.

Dublin County Board of Health have under consideration the following schemes:—Lucan Water Supply, £15,600; Rathcoole and Saggart Water Supply, £4,000; Sandyford Sewerage, £13,500; Kilmacud Water Supply, £2,500; Bray Road Sewerage, £8,000; Clondalkin Sewerage, £8,500; Kimmage Road West Sewerage, £2,500.

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Dublin County Council has received sanction to the raising of a loan of £25,000 for the Skerries Sewerage Scheme, and out of the £6,000 Government grant allocated to Co. Dublin to relieve unemployment, £2,000 is to be set aside for that scheme.

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Holles street Maternity Hospital, Dublin, is to be completely rebuilt on the most modern lines. It will occupy almost the whole of one side of Holles street, and run into Merrion square. It is expected that the work will shortly be offered for tender.

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ITEMS.

Roscommon County Board of Health has applied for a grant of £41,000 out of the proceeds of the Dublin Hospitals' Sweepstake, and, if successful, will devote £13,000 to provide and equip a county tuberculosis hospital; £10,000 for a new district hospital at Boyle; £5,000 to improve the county surgical hospital, and £12,000 to improve the combined County Home, County Medical Hospital, County Nursery, and Children's Home and Auxiliary Mental Hospital.

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South Cork Board of Public Assistance accepted the tender of Mr. P. Dennehy at £1,350 for the erection of a medical officer's residence at Macroom Cottage Hospital, of 20 inches rubble masonry. Other tenders were—John Ring, Macroom, £1,620, £1,450 (in stone), £1,465 (concrete blocks); Mr. James Buckley, Kinsale, £1,378; Mr. Robert Buckley, Cove, £1,657 (rubble masonry, using old stone); £1,626 (cavity concrete blocks).

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Messrs. R. D. Pollock and Co., Ltd., Bangor, have been given the contract for Donaghadee Waterworks at £19,746. There were 11 tenders, the highest being £33,917. Mr. J. F. J. Reynolds, who has been appointed resident engineer, supervised the Kans Waterworks, Nigeria, and the Genoa Waterworks.

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Dungannon Regional Committee accepted the tender of Mr. McNeill, Portadown, at £444 for brick-building a new school at Clonoe. Other tenders were: — Messrs. P. Martin and Co. ,brick £605, wood £565; J. Cummings, brick £575, wood £535. Mr. McNeill tendered for wood at £410.

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Newcastle (Co. Down) Urban Council has placed a contract for the construction of a swimming pond with Mr. Isaac Hamilton, contractor, Annalong, Co. Down, the contract price being £3,367. There were five other tenders, the highest being £6,493.

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The Town Clerk and Borough Manager of Dun Laoghaire (Mr. P. J. Hernon) has accepted the tender of Mr. Joseph Rooney, contractor, Balbriggan, for the building of fifty-six three-roomed houses at Kill avenue, at a sum of £15,749.

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Newry Urban Council accepted the tender of Mr. James Wilson at £315 for the erection of a garage for ambulances. The tenders were:—Mr. Henry Savage, £384, and Mr. James Neary, £359.

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County Wicklow Board of Health accepted the tender of Messrs. William Clarke, contractors, Wicklow, for the erection of sanitary annexes at the County Home, Rathdrum, at £1,465.

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Wicklow County Board of Health accepted the tender of Messrs. Fleming Bros. at £2,134 for Greystones sewerage work, and that of Messrs. Britting and Co. at £529 for Greystones water mains extension.

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The contract for the erection of the medical officer's residence at the Macroom Cottage Hospital has been secured by Mr. P. Dennehy, Ballingarry, Belgooly, at the sum of £1,350.

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Limerick Harbour Board on Monday accepted the tender of the Netherlands Harbour Engineering Company, Amsterdam, for the proposed extension of the Dock Basin, at a cost of £79,947.

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Mayo County Council Commissioner accepted the lowest of four tenders—that of Mr. J. Chambers, Castlebar, at £300 for the erection of a machinery shed at Castlebar Courthouse.

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Kerry Vocational Education Committee decided to make provision for the borrowing of £5,000 for the erection and equipment of technical schools in Kenmare and Dingle.

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County Mayo Commissioner accepted the tender of Mr. M. Diskin, Hollymount, at £1,600, for the erection of a residence for the medical officer at the sanitorium, Ballinrobe.

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Portlaoighise Mental Hospital Committee accepted the tender of the Brightside Foundry and Engineering Co., Ltd., Liverpool, at £2,295 for provision of new laundry plant.

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Mr. Commissioner Bartley, for Mayo County Board of Health, accepted the tender of Mr. John Connor at £109 for fencing of Keelogues Graveyard.

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Wexford County Board of Health accepted the tender of Messrs. P. O'Brien and L. Egan for alterations to Oulart Dispensary at £209.

ROAD BUILDING AT INDUSTRIES FAIR.

A road 60 feet wide and over a quarter-of-a-mile long is to be the biggest exhibit in the British Industries Fair in February. The road is to be constructed outside the Fair Buildings at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, while the Fair is in progress, as a practical demonstration by exhibitors in the new section for quarry and road-making plant. It will be the biggest demonstration of its kind ever carried out. Hundreds of tons of stone will be brought from quarries, emptied into hoppers and fed into mammoth machines to be crushed and graded into several different sizes.

The graded stone will then be tipped into wagons hauled by the latest locomotives, dumped and elevated to hot asphalt and tar macadam mixing plants. After treatment the material will be transported by special motor vehicles to the road. In the meantime the foundations will have been prepared by the latest type giant excavators. Expert workmen will lay the materials with the help of modern road and path rollers.

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The use of concrete for roads, haunches and kerbs, mixed and placed by modern machines, will also be demonstrated, together with the application of steel reinforcement. Erection of lamp standards, traffic signals, direction signs and the modern drainage will complete the exhibit.

The road, which will run parallel to, and along, the north side of the Fair buildings, will be put to practical use for the Fair of 1933.

The 1932 Fair will open simultaneously in London and Birmingham on February 22.

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IRISHMAN'S DIARY.

The Leap Year Privilege : Continental Rugby : The Date Palm. Lewis Carroll's Centenary : Irish and English "Pubs."

1932 Leap Year.

I do not really imagine that the fact that 1932 is a Leap Year will cause any undue fluttering in bachelor dove-cots, despite the traditional privilege which the period extends to the fair sex. It is of interest to note that Ireland's patron saints are said to be at the bottom of the quaint tradition which gives the girl the right to propose during Leap Year. St. Bridget, the legend runs, proposed to St. Patrick, and, as he could not marry her, he gave her a kiss and a silk gown—a penalty which any rejected feminine suitor can still claim as rightful due. During one period of Scottish history an even more severe penalty was imposed on the man who preferred single blessedness. An Act of Parliament passed in 1228 ordered that during the reign of Queen Margaret "each maiden should have liberty to speak the man she likes." If the man thus favoured refused, the Act further provided that he should be fined £100 "as his estate may be."

Irish and English "Pubs."

A comparison between Irish and English public-houses was drawn in an address at a Leeds luncheon the other day by the Reverend R. B. McKee, an Irish clergyman. He expressed a great admiration for the average village "pub.," about which, he said, there was something very attractive, quite apart from its beer. "The English village 'pub.,'" he went on, "is vastly superior to its Irish counterpart. The latter is more or less a drinking place pure and simple, whereas there is about the English village 'pub.' a look of hospitality, an air of Charles Dickens. On entering one you feel to have come in contact with real village life, and the community feeling cultivated there is something to be preserved. I hope the time will never come in England when we attempt any such stupid thing as prohibition. If that time ever came, I should be one of these to vote against it, if only because I should not like to see the village 'pub.' disappear."

Rugby on the Continent.

Rugby "fans" cannot but regret that the first day of this year did not bring its usual international contest to the Stade Colombes. They must take comfort, however, in the news that the "Peace Committee"—composed of Louis Dedet, Fernand Forgues, Marcel Communeau, Adolphe Jaureguy and René Crabos—is working very hard towards the resumption of relations between the French Rugby authorities and the home Unions. There is also the pleasing intelligence that Rugby is becoming more and more popular every day in various parts of the Continent. In Spain there is an increasing enthusiasm for the game, which goes, undistinguished from Association, under the simple name of "Futbol." On Boxing Day recently the Blackheath Club, instead of their annual fixture with the Racing Club de France, played a hard-fought game with the pick of German Rugby teams, the Hanover Verein fuer Volkssport.

In Sweden also Rugby is making steady progress, as is witnessed by the recent invitation extended to Oxford Greyhounds to visit Stockholm in the spring. Matches between officers and men of British warships visiting the Swedish capital have kindled interest in the game in that country, and a representative team will be fielded by the natives in an England *versus* Sweden match next June. In Italy, where the game is extensively played, enthusiasm often causes excessive zeal on the part of the players. The story is told of a certain huge Italian, a wing three-quarter and the captain of his side, who always lay so far up-field as to be usually offside. When any member of his XV. kicked for touch, his reason for this at once made itself clear. He used to rush ahead and indicate the spot where he judged the ball to have crossed the line into touch. He always gave his side from ten to twenty yards, and, as he was an important figure locally, nobody ever dared to contradict him.

The Creator of "Alice."

The first centenary of importance to be celebrated this year is that almost international one, the birth of C. L. Dodgson (better known as Lewis Carroll) on January 22nd, 1832.

Dodgson stated that the writing of "Alice" took him two years from that day when, "in a desperate attempt to strike out some new line of fairy-lore, I had sent my heroine straight down a rabbit-hole, to begin with, without the least idea what was to happen afterwards." During the two years which followed the first draft, illustrated with his own designs, he refined and extended the original. "Sometimes an idea comes at night," he wrote, "when I have to get up and strike a light to note it down—sometimes when out on a lonely winter walk, when I had to stop and with half-frozen fingers jot down a few words which should keep the new-born idea from perishing—but, whenever or however it comes, it comes of itself. . . ."

Like W. S. Gilbert, he illustrated his earliest work until he discovered ideal illustrators in Tenniel and Harry Furniss. He was, however, but a poor draughtsman, though he took it as seriously as he did his mathematics. On one occasion he went so far as to consult Ruskin, who replied, in a rare glimpse of humour, that he had not enough talent to make it worth his while to devote much time to sketching, but everyone who saw his photographs admired them.

A Rare Edition.

Dr. Rosenbach created a vogue in "Lewis Carroll" first editions when he purchased the manuscript of "Alice in Wonderland," but it was the author who unwittingly created his own rarest edition. He paid for every single item in the production of his own books, receiving the usual trade commission. Being dissatisfied with the binding of a book, he recalled as many copies as possible, and then made an announcement that he would send a copy of the edition free to any purchaser who would return to him the copy of the previous issue. He considered that the production was unworthy of even the slight merit which he accorded to his own work.

Date Legends.

There is a Mohammedan tradition that when Adam was ejected from Paradise he was permitted to carry away three things—a myrtle, because of all flowers it bore the loveliest smell; an ear of wheat, because that cereal yielded the greatest nourishment; and a date, because it was the earth's most excellent fruit. In some mysterious fashion this same date found its way to the Hedjaz, from which country, it is claimed, all the date palms of the earth originate. Allah ordained that the date should be the food *par excellence* for all true believers, who, in virtue of their partaking of the sacred fruit, should conquer every country to which the date palm might be introduced.

By both Jews and Arabs the date palm is often considered as an allegory of the life of human beings; for, like them, the tree dies when its head is severed, and, if a branch or limb is cut off, it will not grow again. Further, the date palm is said to use a mystic language which few can understand. When there is no wind the tree whispers to the initiated, among whom Abraham was numbered, of future events.

QUIDNUNC.

AMERICAN PRIZE-WINNER IN DUBLIN.

Mr. Harry Kernan, of East Orange, New Jersey, U.S.A., called personally yesterday at the office of the Hospital Sweeps' Auditors, and was handed a cheque for £15,000, the prize won by him in the Manchester November Handicap Sweepstake for drawing Signifer, who ran second. He was accompanied by Mr. Hugh F. Brennan and Mr. Leonard G. Brown, his legal representatives. The photograph, taken outside the National Bank, Dublin, shows (left to right) Mr. Hugh Brennan, Mr. Harry Kernan, Mr. Leonard Brown and Mr. J. O'Sheehan (Director of Publicity to the Irish Hospitals' Trust, Ltd.).

DEAF MUTES SPEAK.

DRAMA AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, CABRA.

BENEFIT OF SKILFUL TRAINING.

A DRAMATIC performance by deaf mutes was given last night at St. Joseph's, Cabra, Dublin, an institution for the education of deaf and dumb boys.

The subject was a Christmas play, "The Three Kings," written by the Superior, the Rev. Brother Keegan. Its acting was a remarkable demonstration of the high degree to which the intelligence of persons deprived of hearing and speech may attain by means of careful, scientific training. The play is written in nine scenes, and was presented not by silent show, like charades of living tableaux, but by means of the sign and manual system taught at St. Joseph's. The actors spoke in the characters they performed. Often with marked dramatic force, and always with fully expressed statement, the story was mutely told, as if it had been done by sound.

The keen, receptive eyes of the deaf mutes in the audience made it plain that the "words" were "heard" and the play understood.

The staging of the play, the scene-painting and carpentry, and the appropriate dressing of the characters must be commended. The acting in many of the parts showed that genuine histrionic sense had been awakened by those who trained this deaf and dumb company.

INSTITUTION'S WORK.

There are about a hundred and fifty inmates in the institution, and it could provide for fifty or sixty more. In the Free State there are many more than that number of boys whose unhappy condition entitles them to education such as is given by the Christian Brothers at Cabra. The boys received into this institution are not mentally defective; they are persons capable of being developed into self-respecting citizens. More than ninety-four per cent. of the pupils who have passed through St. Joseph's now are self-supporting citizens of the Free State. Fifty of them are employers, some having businesses or trades, in which they engage four or five hands.

Notwithstanding the beneficial results of the education given in this institution, during last year twenty-eight deaf mutes—two of them in Dublin—were deprived of the privilege of education by their parents or guardians. Some are suffering like deprivation because their parents are too poor, or are unwilling to comply with the demands of the County Councils for a regular small contribution to their support. The misguided affection of grieving parents often is a stumbling block in the way of their defective children, with the result that when in time they are left with no one to care for them they become a burden on the State.

NOT TOO LATE.

Even in the most neglected cases, where the intelligence is unimpaired there is hope and good reason for belated education. An inmate of Cabra, recently admitted, is forty-four years of age, and, as the result of the Lord Mayor of Dublin's appeal to parents, eight children were lately admitted, who but for this would probably have shared that ignorance which is the lot of the uneducated deaf mute.

President Cosgrave and Professor O'Sullivan, Minister for Education, next Sunday will attend a performance of "The Three Kings" by the deaf mute actors at St. Joseph's, Cabra.

NAAS R.F.C. DANCE

It will be seen from our advertising columns that Nas na Riog, the ballroom of Mrs. Lawlor, at Naas, will be opened to-morrow with the annual dance of the Naas Rugby Football Club.

When John Marchmont, described as a painter, was sentenced at Dorset Quarter Sessions, at Dorchester, yesterday to five years' penal servitude for stack-firing it was stated that he had already served eight years' penal servitude for similar offences.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC.

IRELAND'S RICH POSSESSION.

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF IT.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

WHAT we really want to do is to get the best out of our Irish national music, and apply to it the modern technique, as far as circumstances will permit, said Mr. Carl Hardebeck to me yesterday, when I met him at the Dublin Broadcasting Studio. He was lost in the imagery of one of his own piano compositions, which he was playing so beautifully that I felt loth to interrupt; but when I asked him to develop the ideas on Irish music, which he had touched on at the Rotary Club on Monday last, he became quite enthusiastic about a subject to which he has devoted a lifetime of effort.

The trouble in this matter, he said, is that you have two classes of Irish music—the one, what I would call Anglo-Irish, and the other, the older Irish music, represented in the traditional airs and folk-songs. Stanford and Graves are splendid—the *nonpareil* of Anglo-Irish music. A marvellous thing about Graves is the lyrical beauty of his songs. And when he was wiring on patriotic subjects he forgot that he was a Unionist, and gave us the real thing; but, after all, these are only artificial folk-songs because Graves but turned the different old tunes to suit his own words. They are creations of his own, and are consequently artificial folk-songs. With the Gaelic folk-songs you have the real old tunes to the written words. Bunting, in his collection, had introduced into the airs so many accidentals and changes that the harpers could not play them. Then Moore, and others, followed with other changes to suit themselves.

THE REAL CONDITIONS.

It was only when the Gaelic League came along that we found out what were the real conditions, and found out something about the scales and rhythm. In the Gaelic music rhythm is a most complex affair. It is not a matter of time, or of so many beats to the bar, but something more. In the finest Irish songs the principle of rhythm is to follow the spoken word, to sing as you read. The accents should fall as they do in reading Gaelic poems. I found out that years ago, said Mr. Hardebeck, and I have endeavoured in the "Gems of Irish Melody," and other publications of mine, to get the thing down as near as I could to the actual traditional method of singing. We have got to get rid of the hard-and-fast rule of the bar line. You cannot have bars or beats in Irish music; the poetry will not let you. The music of the Gaelic songs was influenced by the language, just as the music of the old Provence troubadours was influenced by the language of their day. There was a very marked resemblance between plain-song and Gaelic singing; so much so that one might be called the twin sister of the other.

Mr. Seumas Clandillon and his wife, Mairgread ni hAnnagain, and Sheila and Seumas Hallissey were the people who showed us what traditional singing really was.

Some time ago, before I came to Dublin, there was a class started for unison singing in Gaelic. We meet once a week, and sing simple Irish airs in unison, and later on I hope to arrange accompaniments for these, which will be helpful, so that we can try to establish circles throughout the country. We have got to compete with people who like jazz and comic songs. We must look for Irish songs that are bright and jolly, and not expect the people to be all the time sad and mournful.

TRADITIONAL MUSIC.

Some people talk about the foundation of a school where this singing ought to be taught, and we are trying to get the Vocational Education Committee to take up a scheme which has been prepared for teaching the theory of Irish traditional music and its practice.

I think, myself, that the musical schools that we have throughout the country should try to back the case up. This should be part of the curriculum of the schools, and what you have to teach is the theory of the scales and of rhythm, and the special lines that govern the harmonisation of the melodies, and such like. Of course, the ordinary rules of harmony and composition hold good, but there is this difference—that in Irish music you are dealing with special scales and the old modes of plain chant. One of the finest trials any man could have for Gaelic singing is to learn to harmonise plain chant.

We want, also, if we can, to keep alive the Uillean pipes, and in this connection we hope to get pipes made at a reasonable price, and made available at schools for practice. There is nothing more beautiful for dance music than the Uillean pipes.

But, went on Mr. Hardebeck, everything must be a failure until we get our Dublin printers to undertake the printing of Irish music. The English printers do not want it, and will do nothing for it. We must have the thing done for ourselves by ourselves. We have men enough capable of doing this.

AESTHETIC ASPECT.

The æsthetic value of Irish music, especially the higher grades, cannot be too much stressed. It is beyond reproach, and stands on a par, so far as human appeal is concerned, with the best specimen of classical music. Sir Hubert Parry, an Englishman, said that the Irish melodies are the most human in their appeal of any folk songs in the world.

The preservation of the old songs and the future development of a distinctive Irish music depended on the language, Mr. Hardebeck went on to explain. He pointed to the case of Haydn, who was a Bohemian, but whose music showed throughout the influence of the Viennese school, in contrast with the music of Smetana and Dvorak, who, following in the wake of the Bohemian language revival, composed music based on the idioms of the Bohemian folk songs. In the same way they had Grieg, whose music reflected the literature and folk songs of the Scandinavian peninsula. There was no reason why the Irish should not found and develop a school of music of their own. What you need to do is to take up music thoroughly and seriously, said Mr. Hardebeck; go in for all that can be learned of the modern art of music, and apply that to the traditional idiom. It is very difficult to say what the future will be, but certainly if we are going to give birth to anything it must be borne of the womb, not of Anglo-Irish music, which has no particular characteristics, but of Gaelic music, born of the Gaelic language and springing from the native language of the country, just as happened in Bohemia, Hungary and the Scandinavian peninsula. Unfortunately a good many of our Irish musicians know nothing about the Irish language, but there are some young men I have met who know the language and the music of the country, and who ultimately will, I think, be good Irish musicians.

STAG'S SWIM IN THE SEA.

SUMMONSES AGAINST HUNT DISMISSED.

Two members of the Mid-Kent Hunt were summoned at Hythe yesterday for causing unnecessary suffering to a tame deer by unreasonably hunting it, and for ill-treating and terrifying it. The Bench held that cruelty had not been proved, dismissed the summonses, and allowed the defendants costs up to fifteen guineas against the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which had brought the summonses.

The defendants were Captain E. S. Dawes, of Boughton, near Ashford, the Master, and Captain R. H. Fox, of Ashford, the Secretary.

The prosecution suggested that the animal was released at Aldington, was hunted for six miles, and then entered a rough sea at Hythe, swimming in the direction of Sandgate. The next morning it was seen at Hythe, having travelled from Sandgate, and it re-entered the sea. A boat followed it, and the deer was captured in a "terrified condition."

The defence was that there was no cruelty punishable under the Protection of Animals Act. The hunting of captive animals was permitted, and it was ridiculous to suggest that the stag was a domestic animal, as the Society had done.

Alec Hanson (28), a miner, of Tow Law, Durham, was committed for trial at Consett, yesterday, charged with the murder of John Thomas Mather, his next-door neighbour.

DUBLIN WRITERS' CLUB.

WANTED, A MINISTRY OF FINE ARTS.

"Whither are we going?" was the title of Mr. Frank H. O'Donnell's address as chairman last night at the opening of the session of the Dublin Writers' Club.

Reviewing the movement in drama, poetry and fiction during the past year, Mr. O'Donnell said that he thought that if Ireland, from the literary point of view, had done nothing of note, she had at least discovered dramatic genius in Denis Johnston, whose "Moon in the Yellow River" was about to be produced by the Theatre Guild of New York. He paid a tribute to the adventurous spirit of the Gate Theatre, in embarking upon new dramatic forms. He also commended the small producing societies, and particularly Mr. John T. Hennigan, who had been doing such good work at the Gate Theatre.

Mr. O'Donnell advocated the establishment of a Ministry of Fine Arts in the next Dail, no matter what party was elected. The one aspect of modern Ireland that had been entirely neglected by political parties had been the cultural aspect. He did not think it sufficient that a Government should subsidise the Abbey and the Gaelic players alone. There should be a general spirit of co-operative appreciation between the State and its literary citizens. Such co-operation could never come into being without co-ordination of control between a Ministry of Fine Arts and such littérateurs.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. O'Donnell on the motion of Mr. J. McCann, seconded by Mr. R. Norton.

SECONDARY EDUCATION.

FRENCH AND GERMAN PRIZES.

In connection with the schemes for the award of prizes presented by the French and German Governments, to promote and encourage the study of the French and German languages respectively in Free State secondary schools, the Department of Education has made the undermentioned awards for the school year 1930-31:—

FRENCH GOVERNMENT PRIZES.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

Senior Prize—Wesley College, Dublin.
Junior Prize—Catholic University School, Dublin.

PUPILS' PRIZES.

First Prize, Leaving Certificate—Boys—Exam. No. 4110—Desmond Roche, Colaiste Dubh-Charraige, Blackrock; second, Exam. No. 4810, Andrew F. M. Comyn, Clongowes Wood College, Sallins.

First Prize, Leaving Certificate—Girls—Exam. No. 8394—Eibhlin nic Uinnseannáin, Colaiste San Dominic, Sr. Eccles, Baile Atha Cliath; second, Exam. No. 8406, Paitris M. Ni Eidhin, Clochar an Chreidimh Naomhtha, Cluain Tarbh.

First Prize, Intermediate—Boys—Exam. No. 2546—William B. Butler, Waterpark College, Waterford; second, Exam. No. 240, Dermot A. Murphy, Presentation Brothers' College, Bray.

First Prize, Intermediate—Girls—Exam. No. 6627—Eithne Swanton, Ursuline Convent, Blackrock, County Cork; second, Exam. No. 6966, Jessie E. Murison, Bertrand School, Eccles street, Dublin.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT PRIZES.

BOYS' SCHOOL'S PRIZES.

The High School, Dublin—First prize, Thomas J. R. Atkinson; second, Arthur E. Moore.

GIRLS' SCHOOL'S PRIZES.

Gilson Endowed School, Oldcastle—First prize, Rose Gibney; second, Gertrude Berry.

The schemes for the award of the above prizes are contained in the Department's regulations.

IRISH PUBLIC RECORDS.

A VALUABLE DEPARTMENT.

THE fifty-sixth report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records and Keeper of State Papers in Ireland has just been presented to the Free State Government, and is issued for publication. The report, which is signed by Mr. James R. Morrissey, Assistant Deputy Keeper of the Records, covers the work of the Department from 1924 to 1928. Frequent references are made to the destruction of the Record Office at the Four Courts, Dublin, in 1922, and to the difficulties thereby caused, as well as to the loss of valuable documents.

Incidentally it is mentioned that the military guard put on the Record Office in 1922 was withdrawn on 7th March, 1924. Progress was made with the tedious and difficult operation of sorting out such salvage as was recovered from the ruins. In many cases where the documents were preserved the number and title were missing, and it frequently was necessary to examine all the contents to establish their identity. Space was difficult to get for storing documents, and use was made of the Chapel Royal, the State Paper Office, and Record Office House.

When the Chapel Royal was required for a court, it was necessary to remove the documents thence to the Record Office, thus causing further congestion.

APPEAL TO SOLICITORS.

The Deputy Keeper acknowledges the assistance received from many solicitors, who made valuable presentations, and he hopes that others will do likewise. Though a great part of what was destroyed cannot be replaced, he says that a valuable testamentary collection could be brought together if solicitors would co-operate. The Land Commission was one department from which most help might be expected.

The report contains a series of appendices setting out various records, testamentary and matrimonial, Chancery records, maps, and other documents, as well as extracts from new collections acquired within the past few years.

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS.

MOTOR CARS IN THE PHŒNIX PARK.

In order that special arrangements can be made for the transport of visitors from the provinces to Dublin on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress, the Congress Committee are urging the clergy throughout the country to apprise local railway officials of the numbers likely to travel on the several days of the main ceremonies.

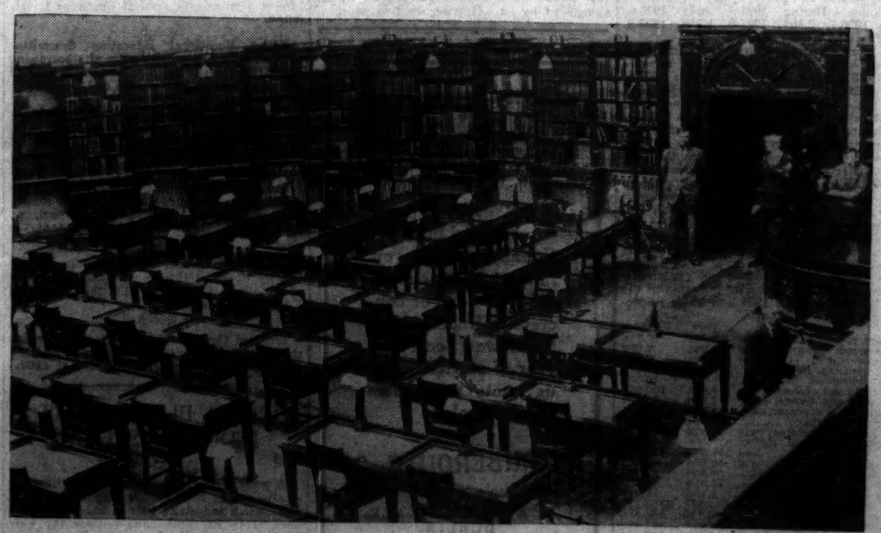
Considerable progress has been made with the erection of the altar in the Phœnix Park, but it has been found that motorists visiting the site drive their cars across the grass, leaving ugly tracks in the ground, and the Committee ask that motorists shall keep to the roads and avoid damaging the grass.

SEEDS OF DISCONTENT.

When it was reported at Glamorgan Agricultural Committee yesterday that lectures on horticulture had been given at Cardiff and Swansea Prisons, a Councillor said that after one of the lectures at Cardiff some of the prisoners went to the Governor and protested against the lectures, as they were not included in their sentences.

Lord Haddington, who was injured when his horse fell at Leicester Races, on Tuesday, and was removed to a private hospital, spent a comfortable night.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY.



Many improvements have been carried out at the National Library, Kildare street, Dublin, including the installation of the reading desks, of Adams design, seen in the above photograph.

ON THE WIRELESS

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT FROM GALWAY.

AT the concert to be relayed from Galway to-night by the Dublin Station the soloist will be Miss May Fogarty, whose recitals with her sister, Mrs. J. V. Joyce, are an interesting feature of 2RN programmes. Miss Fogarty, who is a daughter of the late County Secretary for Galway, Mr. W. G. Fogarty, comes of a musical and literary family. She is an Honours Graduate of the National University in Literature and Economics, and studied the violin under Hans Wessely and Albert Sammons in London, and at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. During her college course she was appointed Conductor of the University Choral, Orchestral and Operatic Society by the Governing Body of U.C.G., and has written several articles on music and travel. Some time ago the sisters gave a very successful recital from the London B.B.C. National Studios, and to-night Miss Fogarty will broadcast a De Beriot Concerto and some favourite violin solos by special request. Other items of the Galway programme are some songs of the Irish Gaels by the Choral Class, and items by the Band of the Irish Christian Brothers. The finale, the Humouresque (Dvorak), Hungarian Dance (Brahms), will be by Miss Fogarty, accompanied by the band.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

DUBLIN.

3.0—Relay of Orchestral Concert from Town Hall, Galway. **9.30**—Mamie Dingle (soprano). **9.40**—Emer Comedy Company: "The Grain of Wood" (J. Bernard McCarthy).

BELFAST.

6.30—Ballad Concert. Military Band Concert (1st Battalion, the Royal Ulster Rifles).

NORTH REGIONAL.

3.0 and **6.35**—Northern Studio Orchestra, conducted by John Bridge. **7.30**—The Hallé Orchestra, conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty. **9.40**—C.W.S. Choral Union Concert, conducted by J. Worsley Harrop.

NATIONAL.

3.0—B.B.C. Orchestra. **9.35**—Stanford and Parry, a vocal and instrumental recital by Dale Smith (baritone), Winifred Small (violin).

"TWELFTH NIGHT."

FIANNA FAIL DANCE.

"Twelfth Night" was celebrated by members and friends of the Fianna Fail Party at a dance and bridge drive held in the Gresham Hotel, Dublin.

Dancing, to music provided by George Hernsby's Band, continued until two o'clock this morning.

The attendance included:—Mr. R. Briscoe, T.D.; Senator D. Robinson, Mr. S. Lemass, T.D., and Mrs. Lemass; Mrs. Morland, Mr. S. McEntee, T.D., and Mrs. McEntee; Mrs. Isoland, Mr. S. Moore, Mr. Cooney, T.D.; Mr. and Mrs. C. O'Kelly, Mrs. F. Fahy, Mrs. T. Clark, Mrs. F. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Whelan, Mr. and Mrs. Kenlon, Mr. Comyn, K.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Sheeran, Miss O'Carroll, the Misses Buckley, Mr. McGoldrick, Mr. Connolly, Barrister-at-Law; Mr. and Mrs. M. Comyn, Dr. O'Hogan, Miss McDonald, Mr. Groome, Miss O'Neill, Mr. Moore, the Misses Lemass, Mr. and Miss Walshe, Dr. Cavanagh, Mrs. O'Dwyer and Miss Madden, Miss Andrews, Mrs. J. Delany, Mr. Hughes, Miss Kearney, Mrs. McNamara, Miss Tracey, Mr. F. Carthy, Miss A. Quinn, Mr. M. Howlett, Miss McGuiney, and Mr. F. Hegh O'Donnell.

WOMEN'S PART IN THE BRITISH LEGION.

GOOD WORK OF DUBLIN CENTRAL BRANCH.

The Central Branch, Women's Section, of the British Legion held the first quarterly meeting of the year at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dublin, and, in the absence of the Chairman (Mrs. Jameson), Miss Trumbull (vice-chairman) presided.

The hon. secretary (Mrs. Loughridge) and hon. treasurer (Mrs. R. H. Lambert) reported on the work achieved during the quarter. Relief work showed an expenditure of £371 7s. 4d., and some accounts in connection with Christmas relief—amounting to another £100—had still to be paid, and the members were urged to greater efforts to augment the current account.

The Donnybrook Dramatic Society are to repeat the play "The Whole Town's Talking" in the Rathmines Town Hall to-day, and it is hoped that a substantial sum will be realised towards the relief funds.

Mrs. R. W. Smith, in her report on coal relief, said that 138 bags had been delivered, together with many more, the account for which she had not had yet. In order to help the coal fund, she was organising a bridge tournament in February, and hoped for co-operation.

Miss Jackson's report on the training classes for ex-Service men's children stated that during the quarter three girls over fourteen years had been placed in good situations. Miss Craig-Davidson had taken all the children to the Gaiety pantomime at her own expense. The Children's annual concert would be held in the Molesworth Hall on Thursday, the 21st inst., the proceeds going to defray the cost of clothing for the girls and to pay the expenses of the hall where the classes were held.

After reviewing the reports, the Chairman stated that she had arranged a bridge tournament for January 23 at Malahide in aid of her boot fund, and that the third Donnybrook Fair would be held next June, the members present responding generously by volunteering their services for eight of the stalls.

It was reported that Mrs. Culverwell had given £10 towards the clothing fund, and Mrs. Law £5, Mrs. West £5, and Mr. George Jameson £5 towards the relief fund.

Mrs. John Healy, Mrs. Law and Miss Wintle were elected vice-presidents.

NEW MASONIC ANNUITANTS.

The stated meeting of the Governors of the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Annuity Fund was held yesterday in Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth street, Dublin, when the report of the scrutineers of the ballot for the election of eleven annuitants was read.

It was unanimously resolved that the eleven candidates who obtained the highest number of votes be elected. Accordingly Nos. 10, 27, 24, 3, 13, 15, 2, 31, 21, 26, and 9 on the ballot list were declared duly elected annuitants of the fund

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMMES

DUBLIN (2RN)—413 Metres.

1.30-2.0—Time, Stock Exchange List, Weather and Gramaphone Concert.
6. 0—Gramaphone Concert.
6.15—Uair i dTir na nOg.
7. 0—Gramaphone Concert.
7.10—Dublin Cattle Market Report.
7.20—News.
7.30—Time. French.
7.45—Literary and Dramatic Talk, Mrs. A. Blacam.
8. 0—Relay of Orchestral Concert from [illegible] Hall, Galway.
9.15—Talk on Communism, Prof. J. Busteed.
9.30—Mamie Dingle (soprano).
9.40—Emer Comedy Company: "The Grain of Wood" (J. Bernard McCarthy).
10.10—Ellis Denn (contralto) and Station Sextet.
10.30—Time, News, Weather, and close down.

BELFAST—242.3 Metres (1,238 Kc.).

10.15-10.30—The Daily Service.
3. 0—Daventry National Programme.
5.15—The Children's Hour.
5.58—Agricultural Market Prices for Northern Ireland.
6. 0—Daventry National Programme.

MISS MAY FOGARTY.

6.30—A Ballad Concert.
7.30—Daventry National Programme.
8. 0—A Military Band Concert.
9. 0—Daventry National Programme.
9.11—Regional News.
9.20—Daventry National Programme.
9.35—A Light Orchestral Concert.
10.30-12.0—Daventry National Programme.

NORTH REGIONAL—479.2 Metres (626 Kc.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30-10.45—Daventry National Programme.
12. 0—The Shepherd's Bush Pavilion Orchestra.
1.15—Philharmonic Mid-day Concert.
2. 0—Laddie Clarke's Imperial Hydro Hotel Orchestra.
3. 0—The Northern Studio Orchestra.
3.30—Mrs. Christian: Reading from "The Vicar of Wakefield" (Goldsmith).
3.45—Daventry National Programme.
5.15—The Children's Hour.
6. 0—First General News.
6.35—The Northern Studio Orchestra.
7.30—An Orchestral Concert.
8.35—"Ruskin at Coniston."
8.50—Concert (continued).
9.40—The C.W.S. (Reddish) Choral Union Concert.
10.15—Second General News.
10.35—Dance Music.
10.45-12.0—Daventry National Programme.

NATIONAL—1,554.4 Metres (193 Kc.).

10.15—The Daily Service.
10.30—Time. Shipping Forecast.
12. 0—Reginald Foort (organ).
1. 0—Gramaphone Records.
1.15—The Northern Studio Orchestra.
1.45—"Nursing at Home"—I.
2. 0-2.30—A Sonata Recital.
3. 0—Evensong.
3.45—Jack Payne.
4.30—The Grosvenor House Orchestra.
5.15—The Children's Hour.
6. 0—"The First News."
6.30—The Foundations of Music.
6.50-7.5—German Talk.
7.20—The Weekly Bulletin of Special Notices.
7.35—"Diseases of Organised Society"—I.
8. 0—The B.B.C. Orchestra.
9. 0—"The Second News."
9.15—Shipping Forecast, New York Stock Market Report.
9.20—"The Way of the World."
9.35—Stanford and Parry.
10.30—Short Mid-week Service.
10.45-12.0—Dance Music.

GLASNEVIN CONCERT.

The Drumcondra Ex-Service Men's Association held a concert in aid of their benevolent fund in the Ryan Hall, Glasnevin, on Tuesday night, when the hall was packed to overflowing.

The programme, which consisted of Irish dancing, numerous songs, a short sketch, and a gipsy troupe, under the direction of Mr. O'Neill, was well received and greatly appreciated. Among those who took part were—Mr. A. Sax, Miss Breslin, Miss Pollock, Mrs. and Mr. O'Neill, James Sheridan, Mrs. Caffrey, Miss May Murphy, Miss Ennis, the Two Babies and the Two Dolls.

IRISH TRAVELLERS' NEW CHAIRMAN.

At the first meeting of the Committee of Irish Commercial Travellers' Association Mr. J. M. Quigley was appointed chairman of the Association for 1932: Mr. Michael Keating, vice-chairman, and Messrs. W. Cronin and R. P. McHugh senior and junior honorary secretaries respectively. Twenty new members were elected.

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Set Fire to Her House.

Tuam Woman Sent To Prison.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GALWAY, Wednesday.

AT Galway Circuit Court to-day, before Judge Wyse Power, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Bishop street, Tuam, was found guilty of setting fire to the house in which she was living.

James Mulcrone, a native of Balcara, Co. Mayo, and a lodger in Mrs. Mitchell's house at the time of the fire, swore that when he came to the house on that night he knocked and got no answer. He went around to the back, and he heard the crackling of sticks, as if they were burning. He and William Meehan tried to open the back door, but failed, and then Meehan and John Lyden got in through a window, but had to come out again owing to smoke. John Lyden broke open the back door with a churn dash, and they succeeded in extinguishing the fire, which was in a small room off the kitchen.

William Meehan gave evidence that when he got into the house he saw the fire in the little room off the kitchen. The fire was under a bed, but there was no mattress on the bed, and there was no furniture in the room. Mrs. Mitchell gave no assistance in putting out the fire. On going upstairs Mrs. Mitchell told him he could not go up there at all.

THE LIGHTED CANDLE.

John Lyden swore that he extinguished the fire, and while he was in the room he heard someone outside say that there was another fire upstairs. On going upstairs he met Mrs. Mitchell, with a lighted candle in her hand, coming down, and he asked her to go up the stairs again. She did so, slowly, and on the landing she said to him not to go into the room; that he would be smothered. He opened the door of the room, and found a mattress, soaked with paraffin oil, on the floor. The mattress was burning.

Miss Nelly Meehan gave evidence that she was standing in the yard, and saw Mrs. Mitchell go upstairs with a lighted candle and lower it to the ground. Immediately there was a gush of flame. She ran in and said to Mrs. Mitchell that she was going to tell the Guards that Mrs. Mitchell had burned the house.

Mr. J. S. Corry, manager, Ulster Bank, Tuam, gave evidence that the bank held a mortgage on Mrs. Mitchell's premises for £600. The premises were insured in the joint names of the bank and Mrs. Mitchell for £1,700.

Patrick Finnegan, agent, Irish National Assurance Company, Tuam, said that Mrs. Mitchell took a policy with him for her furniture for £300.

Sergeant Ruddy, Tuam, swore that in a room upstairs he found a mattress on the floor, which smelled strongly of paraffin oil. The mattress was burning. There was no furniture in the room. In a second room he found a wardrobe, in the corner of which was a petrol tin containing about a pint of paraffin. A third room was bare of furniture.

CHARGE DENIED.

Mrs. Mitchell, in evidence, denied starting any of the fires, and said that she was at Confession when the fires began. She went for help, but could not get anyone.

After an absence of half-an-hour the jury found her guilty, and recommended her to mercy.

The Judge, in sentencing her to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour, said that she had been found guilty of a very serious crime, and if a man were found guilty on a similar charge he would be sentenced to a term of penal servitude.

Co. Leitrim Scene.

Boy Charged with Assault On Civic Guards.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, Wednesday.

AT Drumshambo District Court to-day Justice Rice investigated a charge of assault on Sergeant James Kelly and Guard Brian Connaughton, Drumshambo, at Cornashamsogue on December 14th last, preferred against Anthony Barry, jun., a farmer's son, of Barnaneenagh.

Mr. P. Canning, solicitor, who defended, intimated that Barry wished the case to be sent forward for trial.

Sergeant Kelly said that on the date in question they were investigating a case of cattle-maiming, and they went to the house of the defendant. When he asked the defendant to account for his movements on Sunday, December 13th, he adopted a hostile attitude. Witness looked around and saw the defendant struggling with Guard Connaughton, and he ran to the Guard's assistance. Defendant had Guard Connaughton gripped by the throat. Witness released his hold on the Guard, and as soon as he did he turned around and attempted to strike witness. Defendant continued to resist, and endeavoured to strike the Guard. They overpowered defendant after a struggle lasting ten or fifteen minutes. He used filthy expressions, and the mother rebuked the boy for the manner in which he was behaving. When he became calm they released their hold on him, and he endeavoured to strike his mother, using a filthy expression towards her. Witness arrested the defendant. Had he conducted himself he would not have done so. In the barracks he used bad language, and challenged the Guard to fight him.

Guard Connaughton corroborated.

Justice Rice regretted that he could not deal with the case owing to the decision taken at the beginning by the defence.

Returning the defendant for trial to the next Carrick-on-Shannon Circuit Court on bail of £50 and two sureties of £25 each, the Justice said that if the case had been left to his Court the defendant would have been very easily dealt with.

War Pensions Committee.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

The first meeting of the North of Ireland War Pensions Committee since it was reconstituted for a further three years was held to-day. Captain R. Magill, chief area officer, said that each committee went most exhaustively into the merits of the applications coming before them, and gave their opinion without fear or favour.

Captain J. M. Wilton, M.C., was re-elected chairman and Captain G. H. Creighton was re-appointed vice-chairman.

The following committees were then appointed:—General Purposes—Captain J. M. Wilton, M.C., J.P.; Captain G. H. Creighton, Mrs. Holt Waring, M.P.; Mrs. E. M. Anderson, J.P.; Mrs. J. M'Mordie, C.B.E., J.P.; Major D. G. Shillington, D.L., M.P.; Mr. W. Grant, M.P., J.P.; Major H. Haslett, Mr. A. E. Lloyd, the Rev. P. Godding, and Lord Dunleath, D.S.O.

Children's Sub-Committee—Mrs. J. M'Mordie, C.B.E., J.P.; Mrs. L. M. R. Stevenson, Mrs. Holt Waring, M.P., J.P.; Mrs. E. W. Jamison and Mr. A. E. Lloyd.

Londonderry District—Captain J. M. Wilton, M.C. J.P.; Mrs. D. Stevenson, M.B.E.; the Rev. Canon H. MacManaway and Mrs. M. D. Greene.

COW TESTING SUPERVISORS.

Lecturers and instructors at the special course of lectures for cow-testing supervisors, held at Cork University.

Drink at Dances

District Justice's View.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

KILKENNY, Wednesday.

AT the Kilkenny District Court yesterday the Very Rev. C. Canon Cavanagh, P.P., V.F., St. Canice's, and the administrators of the other three city parishes raised certain objections to the granting of an application by Senator the Countess Dowager of Desart for a licence for Desart Hall as a place for public dances and entertainments.

Mr. F. M. J. Lyons, solicitor (Messrs. James Roe and Lyons), who represented Lady Desart, said that Dr. M. J. Crotty, State Solicitor, who was acting on behalf of the clergy, had made certain suggestions as to conditions that should be annexed to the licence, among them being that dancing should cease at 2.30 a.m.; that there should be no dancing on Saturdays or Sundays or on the eve of Church holidays; that practice dances should cease at 11 p.m.; that no alcoholic liquor be allowed to be sold at dances, and that no person under eighteen should be allowed to attend unless properly chaperoned. The last-named condition would not be pressed. Lady Desart was agreeable to a condition that dancing should cease at 4 a.m., and was quite in agreement with the suggestion that there should be no dances on Saturdays or Sundays or on the eve of Church holidays. Her ladyship was of the opinion that 11 o'clock was much too early to conclude practice dances, and as regards the sale of intoxicating liquor, she was in favour of a condition that it should not be sold after 1.30 a.m. at any dance.

SAFEGUARDS.

Dr. Crotty said that the priests did not take up this thing in any puritanical spirit; they wanted to see people amusing and enjoying themselves, but they wished to have proper safeguards provided.

Dealing with the question of drink at dances, Dr. Crotty said that the clergy were painfully aware of the results that ensued from it, and they had taken up the attitude that no drinking facilities should be allowed at dances.

District Justice Molloy—And what will be the result? Every man will have a bottle in his hip pocket.

Dr. Crotty—Some men will, but not every man. My clients are aware that for the younger, weaker and more inexperienced persons bars put dangers in their way that might otherwise be avoided.

Lady Desart, giving evidence, said that she was quite willing to agree that intoxicating liquor be not served at dances after 1.30 a.m. If the sale of liquor was forbidden altogether guests would bring it in their pockets, and there would be ten times the amount of drinking than where there was a well-conducted and well-controlled bar, and where people had to pay for what they consumed. As far as the bar was concerned, she thought that the fixing of the hours should be left to the discretion of the District Justice to whom application for an occasional licence would be made before each dance.

PEOPLE'S WELFARE.

Canon Cavanagh said that the clergy appreciated Lady Desart's action in agreeing to some of the restrictions they had suggested. They were chiefly concerned with the spiritual and moral welfare of the people. He would like it to be distinctly understood that the bishop and the clergy were not by any means opposed to reasonable amusement.

Mr. Lyons—Do you not think that any restriction of a drastic nature as regards bars at dances would provoke evasion and lead to people bringing drink into the hall?—I do not know if it would. I cannot answer that.

The Justice said that dances at which there was no legalised bar were far more drunken affairs than dances at which there was a properly supervised bar.

"Would you be surprised," he asked Canon Cavanagh, "that lady friends of mine who go to dances refuse to go to a dance at which there is no bar, because it is such a drunken affair?"

Canon Cavanagh—I would be very much surprised.

Chief Superintendent Murphy said that so far as he knew there was no abuse at dances in Desart Hall on the privilege of having drink sold there. The manner in which dances were conducted there was much to the credit of the people of Kilkenny.

LICENCE GRANTED.

The Justice said that it was far better to have drinking in the open than in the dark and less harm would be done. He granted the licence, and fixed the hours for the sale of drink at 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. With regard to practice dances, he fixed the hours at from 8 to 11 p.m. in winter, and 8 to 11.45 in summer, and added a condition that on the occasion of all-night dances the hall must be completely closed at 4 o'clock.

Collapsed on Altar.

Dominican's Death.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ATHY, Wednesday.

The Rev. J. O'Sullivan, O.P., who was about seventy-eight years, felt weak before 11 o'clock Mass, and was advised by Dr. J. O'Neill not to celebrate Mass. Father O'Sullivan, however, persisted. When on the altar he collapsed. He was attended by doctors and the Rev. Michael Kinnane, C.C., who administered the Last Sacraments. Father O'Sullivan lingered on through the day, and at about 5 p.m. he passed away, without having recovered consciousness.

IRISH NEWS IN BRIEF.

AN exceptionally good season for salmon fishing on the River Lee is anticipated, and it is stated that the prospects are better than they have been for many years past. The salmon are making their way up the river from the sea in great numbers, and, fortunately enough, weather conditions at the moment are extremely favourable. Owing to the recent heavy rains, the river is in flood, and the fish have no difficulty in making their way past the weirs.

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The showrooms of the Electricity Supply Board in Wexford have been closed, and are now advertised for sale.

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Mrs. Catherine O'Leary, 4 Belgrave place, Cork, died yesterday from burns received while engaged in domestic duties.

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At Cork Circuit Court yesterday, James Sullivan, of no fixed address, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude on a charge of breaking into the Roman Catholic Church at Bandon on July 21st and August 30th last, and stealing 30s. from the money-boxes.

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At Cork Harbour Board yesterday the general manager reported that one of the river buoys had disappeared since last Saturday. It was thought that a vessel must have collided with it. Steps were being taken to trace the ship responsible.

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The price of pigs at Tullamore rose from 29s. a cwt. (live-weight) paid at previous market to 42s. The demand for bonhams was very keen, and prices increased 10s. to 12s. each, the quotation being from 22s. to 30s.

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At Newry yesterday Mrs. Ann Smith, owner of a sixty-acre farm at Mullabawn, Co. Armagh, was fined £10 and costs, charged with making false representation in order to obtain the old age pension. Altogether she obtained £39 10s. through the birth certificate of a cousin of the same name.

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During the hearing of a betting case at Glenarm, Mr. P. S. Bell, R.M., stated that he had been informed that about £40 left the village each week in bets. John Campbell, of Larne, who was charged with the offence, was fined £5, and gave an undertaking not to make a "book" in the village.

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At a meeting of the Longford Urban Council a letter was read from the Free State Local Government Department, stating that £350 had been allocated for the relief of unemployment in the town on a scheme submitted, the cost of the works being estimated at £774. If the cost was less, the grant would be proportionately reduced. The letter added that the men should be employed through the local Labour Exchange. The Council decided to hold a special meeting to consider whether the remaining £420 should be raised by loan, or otherwise provided.

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The inter-county ploughing match, to be held at Gorey on February 11th, promises to be at least an equal success to that held at Athy last February, when nine counties were represented. Galway will hold a county test match at Ballinasloe on January 28 to pick a team. The County Carlow match, to pick champions, will be held at Bagnalstown on January 20. County Kildare will decide about the same time. The Cork County Committee of Agriculture has subsidised five, and County Kerry two, local matches, and County Wicklow expects to wrest champion honours from Wexford.

An English sailor, Frederick Spillman, received severe injuries to his spine as a result of falling into the hold of a ship lying at the Cork quays.

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Six steam trawlers, which had been working about twenty miles off Bantry Bay, were forced by the recent storm to take shelter at Berehaven.

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A strike of farm labourers has occurred at Coonagh, on the Clare side of the Shannon, near Limerick, as a result of notification of a reduction in their wages of 30s. by four shillings a week.

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At the meeting of Westmeath County Board of Health, which was held in Mullingar, Mr. M. J. Kennedy, T.D., presiding, Dr. Hugh O'Neill, County Medical Officer, reported four deaths from diphtheria in the county during the month.

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A recital of sacred music was given last night at St. Nicholas's Church, Cork, by the full choir, assisted by St. Nicholas's brass band. The soloists were Miss Hawthorn Benn and Mr. J. Allison. The organist (Mr. Hamilton Fox) conducted the performance.

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The greater part of the evidence and cross-examination of witnesses in a trespass case at Ballinrobe District Court was in Irish. Justice Coyne is a fluent Irish speaker, while one of the solicitors in the case, Mr. Gerald Maguire, conducted his cross-examination in Irish.

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At Waterford Harbour Board, it was announced that Messrs. J. Morris, shipowners, Liverpool, had inquired as to capacity of the port, and the available berthage for steamers for live stock and general cargo. The Secretary was directed to reply stating that plenty of accommodation was available.

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Referring to the annual report, presented by the Very Rev. Canon A. Blaine, President of St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, the Most Rev. Dr. Morrisroe, Bishop of Achonry, dealt with the educational system in the Free State, and said that the authorities had shown a broadmindedness and sympathy with the needs of every creed and class that was without parallel in any other country in the world.

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A deputation, comprising Messrs. M. A. Farrel, solicitor; J. King and M. J. Hanley, on behalf of the Longford Traders' Association, attended the meeting of the Urban Council, asking for the adoption of a resolution of the traders to use every effort to check street-trading. A resolution was passed to the effect that the Council would use every effort to prevent street-trading, but would not interfere with trading on the part of residents in the urban area.

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"I have given you two chances. I never give a third," said District Justice Beatty at Ballivor District Sessions when a young man of the labouring class, James Victory, Gartloney, Kells, pleaded guilty to the larceny of an overcoat, pipe and pouch from the motor car of Mr. Brendan O'Brien, medical student, Fitzwilliam street, Dublin. Mr. O'Brien, who was shooting on a bog in the Gartloney district, left the coat containing the articles on the radiator of his car as the day was frosty. Defendant, who admitted having stolen the articles, as well as eaten the luncheon which the shooting party had in the car, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

Duties of Veterinary Inspectors.

Salaries Question.

At the annual meeting of the Munster Veterinary Inspectors' Association, which was held in Cork, the principal business was the consideration of the salaries offered by the Cork County Boards of Health for the carrying out of milk and meat inspections in the rural areas.

It was the considered opinion of those present that not one member of the profession could possibly undertake to fulfil the duties required of him with regard to milk and meat inspection in the rural areas for the entirely inadequate remuneration offered, either to their own satisfaction or that of the public who were most concerned. In some districts the salary offered for this important position was as low as £10 per annum. One member informed the meeting that he had been offered £25 for duties which would entail a mileage of 100 miles per week, which, at the very moderate estimate of sixpence per mile for car hire, would entail a weekly cost of £2 10s.; so that over £100 per annum would necessarily have to be expended, apart from professional duties altogether, for the privilege of earning £25 a year.

It was decided that a deputation, consisting of Messrs. S. R. J. Cussen, T. I. Alexander (Chairman), Captain P. C. Creagh, T. R. Mulcahy and C. P. Hynes (Hon. Secretary), should wait upon the county medical officer of health and lay the whole matter before him for his consideration.

Mr. C. P. Hynes said that he had been successful in getting the Waterford County Council to grant an annual leave of absence of a fortnight's duration to each veterinary inspector in their employment, and also a substitute while on such holiday, or during absence through illness, such substitute to be paid by the County Council. This decision had been since ratified by the Department of Agriculture.

Funeral of Mr. A. Pim.

MOUNTMELLICK, Wednesday.

The funeral of Mr. Albert Pim took place from his residence, "Annegrove," Mountmellick, to the "Friends' Resting Plate," at Rosenallis, to-day. There were two hundred vehicles in the funeral procession.

The chief mourners were:—Sam Pim (son), W. E. Robinson (grandson), W. A. and H. E. Robinson (nephews), Henry Pim, F. W. Pim, W. E. Jacob, E. Goodbody, Clara, and Denis and Barclay Goodbody, Dublin.

Among the general public were:—Messrs. J. Deverill, J. Meredith, A. Baird, H. M. Smith, H. E. Allen, J. Heaply, N. Bark, G. V. Smith, A. C. Bullen, Dr. O'Brien, Dr. McCann, R. J. Fetherstonhaugh and W. Chambers.

Woman Dies After Making Deposition.

Portadown Assault Case.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PORTADOWN, Wednesday.

AT a special Court which was held in Portadown last night, Bridget Larkin, Obins street, was charged before Mr. Robert Mason, J.P., with having on Christmas night wounded Maggie Faloon, causing her grievous bodily harm.

The Court was held at the residence of the injured woman.

The woman Faloon stated, in evidence, that on Christmas night she went into Mary McCann's after Joe Greaney about money he had taken from her. She felt him putting his hand in her pocket. Defendant hit her on the head with a shoe when she was in McCann's kitchen. She was making for the door when Joe Greaney hit her on the ankle, and she fell. She heard Mary McCann running up the stairs and shouting, "Murder! Murder!"

"Joe Greaney," witness proceeded, "kicked me on the face with his boot when I was on the ground, and Bridget Larkin hammered the head off me with a shoe she held in her hand. They beat me until another woman came in, and I shouted to this woman to save me."

Witness got out and into a friend's house. She was afterwards brought home by Sergeant Magill. She had two black eyes, a cut on her nose, and bruises on her body, legs, arms and head.

The injured woman died shortly after making her deposition.

The accused woman was remanded on bail of £20.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Greaney.

Funeral of Gael.

THOMASTOWN, Wednesday.

Remarkable tributes to the popularity of the late Mr. Peter Walsh, national teacher, Templeorum, the well-known Kilkenny Gael and referee, were witnessed at the funeral from Kilkenny Fever Hospital yesterday. Close on 200 motor cars took part in the funeral procession to Templeorum, where the interment took place. Mr. Sean Gibbons, chairmans of the Kilkenny County Council and of the County Kilkenny Committee of the G.A.A., and Mr. M. Moore, secretary, represented the latter body.

Mr. Richard Holohan, T.D., Knocktopher, chairman, and Mr. Seamus McKenna, Thomastown, secretary, represented the Kilkenny Southern Board, G.A.A., of which the late Mr. Walsh was vice-chairman. Almost all the G.A.A. clubs in County Kilkenny were represented.

The grave was covered with wreaths.

Blowing-Up of Safe.

Cork Circuit Court Sequel.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CORK, Wednesday.

A CASE was opened at Cork Circuit Court to-day in which Herbert Bolley, assistant manager of the Browhead Granite Co., County Cork, is accused of stealing £130 from their offices, and blowing up the safe with an explosive on September 17th last.

Mr. M. O'Driscoll, for the prosecution, stated that on the night of the explosion Bolley was in possession of the only available keys of the safe and magazine. After the occurrence he made attempts to throw the blame on four different people. His financial transactions were peculiar, and he tried to change the Irish pound notes into English ones. When the Guards searched his house they found a considerable amount of money there. The State was in a position to prove that a few days after the outrage Bolley had £33 in Irish pound notes in his possession. The money in the safe amounted to £127, of which £95 was in pound notes.

Mr. C. W. Hellier, general manager of the company, stated that when the explosives in the magazine were checked afterwards a certain amount was found to be missing.

Cross-examined, he said that Bolley occasionally lent money for payment of wages, but he did not think that this ever amounted to £50.

Evidence was then given by Commandant D. J. Stapleton, Ordinance Inspector, Free State Army, who described the condition of the offices after the explosion. In his opinion, he said the safe had been blown up by means of an explosive placed inside it, and he thought that the explosive used was of the ammonial type. He found the fragments of several notes lying round and seventeen and a half feet of used fuse.

After several other witnesses had given evidence for the prosecution, the case was adjourned till to-morrow.

Proposed New Fares In The North.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

INTERESTING evidence in regard to the "life" of an omnibus and the amounts which should be allowed for depreciation was given to-day before the Northern 'Bus Fares Tribunal—Sir Lynden Macassey, K.C. (Chairman); Mr. D. L. Clarke, O.B.E., and Mr. A. Robinson, Barrister-at-Law—by Mr. Albert Morrison, accountant to the Belfast Omnibus Company. He said that the company at present had 12 cars of 1925 make, 6 of 1926; 76, 1927; 50, 1928; 6, 1929; 9, 1930, and 21, 1931. He thought, as an accountant, that five years was the proper life of a 'bus.

Mr. Pringle—You realise that upon some of the routes it would not be proper to raise the fares to the general standard you have been asking?—I rather think it would not be expedient.

In expedient what do you include? Is it that you would choice off traffic?—Exactly, we do not want to lose our traffic or incur too much public odium. It is clear that it might impose in certain places too much burden on the travelling public immediately.

Mr. Pringle (to witness)—Did you put it to the Tribunal that your present fleet is worth only £37,000 or £78,000?—Yes.

Mr. Pringle contended that a five-year life was too short a basis on which to compute depreciation, and would leave the company with a surplus value on their fleet.

Cross-examined by Dr. Maginess, witness said that in fixing the proposed new Lurgan fare they consulted with the Great Northern Railway Co. They proposed 2s. 2d. single, 3s. return.

Are you aware whether, or not, the rail fares from Belfast to Lurgan will come into the arrangement entered into between the G.N.R. and B.O.C.—They do.

I take it then that the result of these proposed fares, if acquiesced in by the Tribunal, will have the effect of raising not only the 'bus fares to Lurgan, but the rail fares, the return from 2s. to 3s.?—I am not sure of the amount, whether 3s. or not. It will all depend on the decision of the Tribunal.

In reply to Dr. Maginess, witness explained in detail how the basic fare of 1½d. a mile was arrived at. He denied that amount was a blind step.

Dr. Maginess—Is it true that these fares will yield the B.O.C. 7 per cent.?—I hope they do.

THE RETURN FARE.

Mr. Arthur H. Hankins, managing director of the East Surrey Traction Company, Autocar Services, Ltd., and operating manager of Green Line Coaches, in reply to Mr. Whitaker, stated that he had been operating motor 'buses for twenty-one years. Witness outlined the circumstances that guided his concerns in fixing fares, and said that their charge worked out at 1½d. a mile up to twelve miles. After that it worked out for the rest of the road at 1d. per mile. It did not go below a penny. There was no return fare, as they considered that the single fare was a fair rate to charge.

Proceeding, witness said that one of the elements to be taken into consideration in fixing rates was whether the vehicles used were of small or large carrying capacity. His concerns had approximately 75 per cent. of the fleet in double-decker 'buses, and the B.O.C. had only five such vehicles. The expense of working a double-decker was much less per passenger than the expense of a single-decker. The operating cost of his concern was 25 per cent. less than the B.O.C., but he considered the B.O.C. expenses quite reasonable. Extra had to be paid for supplies of petrol, tyres, etc., in Belfast. He considered that the basic fare of 1½d. a mile proposed by the B.O.C. was very reasonable.

Mr. E. S. Murphy, K.C., opened the case for the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Company and the Great Northern Railway Company. He said that the L.M.S. started to operate in 1929, and the total sum invested by the company in the 'bus undertaking was £298,267, made up of £93,879 paid for 'buses, £72,339 for goodwill, and £42,040 in respect of acquired buildings. The number of 'buses acquired was 114, and of those 50 had disappeared from service. The number of vehicles operated by the company was on an average 70 in the winter months, and 84 in the summer. The actual number licensed in the summer was 99, and in the winter 84. The total owned by the company was 109, and the routes operated numbered 35.

The individual fares they proposed to revise if the Tribunal granted the application numbered 7,673. Of those 2,975 would be increased, 2,545 would be decreased, and 2,153 would be unchanged. It was expected, if there was no decrease in traffic, that the new fares would increase the receipts by a little over £15,000, and allow £6,000 over and above the actual working expenses.

As to the Great Northern Railway, eleven services were operated. Fifty-two 'buses were purchased at £31,220, £22,805 was paid for goodwill, and other assets amounted to £2,380. For the year ended December, 1930, receipts totalled £34,784 and the expenditure £41,162, representing a loss of £6,378, and for the nine months ended September last, receipts were £30,250 and the expenditure £36,825, a loss of £6,575. It was expected the revised fares would produce approximately £5,000.

CO-ORDINATION.

Major Malcolm Speir, Secretary and Manager L.M.S. (Northern Counties Committee), said that the 'bus service was less remunerative than the B.O.C., serving a less densely populated area. As a matter of general policy, they co-ordinated rail and road fares as much as possible. They did not propose to apply the proposed basic rate to season tickets for over fourteen miles. They proposed to give weekly tickets all over. Some places had not got them at present. Another twenty 'buses were on order for next year, as it was their object to give the public the best service possible.

To Mr. Pringle—On the new arrangement the monthly tickets would be limited in certain cases to one double journey per day. At present they were unlimited.

To Mr. Campbell—His company did not look with disfavour on road traffic.

The hearing was adjourned.

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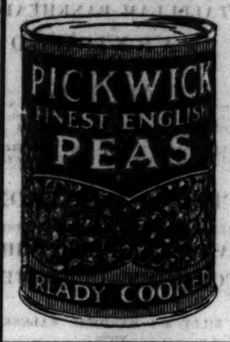

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Alleged Threat to Murder

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

TIPPERARY, Wednesday.

"REMEMBER Curtin and Ryan!" Those words were quoted from one of several letters sent through the post to Edward Jeffers and Andrew Kinehan, plate-layers in the employment of the Great Southern Railway, in a charge at Tipperary of intimidation and threatening to murder against Michael Murphy, Knocklong, who is also employed as a plate-layer on the railway at Limerick Junction.

Murphy also was charged with sending an intimidating letter to another railway employé, Patrick Hayes, residing at Limerick Junction.

Mr. F. J. O'Connor, State Solicitor, who appeared for the prosecution, alluding to the cases of Superintendent Curtin (Civic Guards) and John Ryan, farm labourer, both of whom were shot dead on the roadside in Tipperary district within the past few months, said that these two terrible events were fresh in the memory of everybody, and nobody could have any doubt that the threat in this letter was a direct threat to murder.

Within recent times, said Mr. O'Connor, there had been great changes in the working of the Great Southern Railway. In November, 1930, the accused man was paid off as a permanent workman, but was continued as a temporary hand up to September 5, 1931. On August 28 he received notice that this employment would cease, and that Edward Jeffers, who was employed at Kinsale, and who was a long-serviceman, would replace him at Limerick Junction. A few days after August 28 Jeffers, who had been notified of his transfer from Kinsale to Limerick Junction, received through the post the following letter:—"Take Notice! Keep clear of Limerick Junction. Remember Curtin and Ryan!—By Order."

SKULL AND CROSS-BONES.

Jeffers, as a result of being intimidated by this threat, refused to come to Limerick Junction, and his place was taken by Andrew Kinehan. Before his transfer to Limerick Junction, and while Kinehan was employed on the railway at Ballyrobin, near Dundrum, James Moore (ganger over Jeffers) received on October 4, through the post, a letter for the "new man" (Kinehan). This letter, which was garnished with a skull and cross-bones, had a crude drawing of a coffin with cadles around it. The letter stated:—"You are to leave Tipperary within 48 hours or suffer the consequences."

Kinehan, however, went to Limerick Junction and took up work there. He was at present seriously ill and could not attend the court. On October 9 Patrick Hayes, in whose house at Limerick Junction Kinehan lodged, received through the post a letter stating:—

"Beware! You are keeping a noticed man. Bad will follow if he is not gone in twenty-four hours."

On the letter also was a crude representation of a skull and cross-bones. These emblems of death also accompanied a letter enclosed in the letter to Hayes and addressed to Kinehan. This second letter to Kinehan stated:—

"This is your last chance to leave, so beware! Be gone in twenty-four hours."

Edward Jeffers, in evidence, said that it was because of this threat about the fate of "Curtin and Ryan" that he refused to come to Limerick Junction. He was now employed at Mourn Abbey, Co. Cork.

THE HANDWRITING.

Captain Quirke, handwriting expert, examined, produced four exhibits which were the acknowledged handwriting of Murphy. Comparing these with the threatening letters, the witness stated, that in his opinion all the threatening letters and the envelope, in which they were contained, were written by the same hand as the writing in Murphy's acknowledged hand, with the exception of the printed characters in one of the letters.

In cross-examination by Mr. D'Arcy, solicitor (for accused man), the witness said that he examined the letters microscopically and in detail, but he did not base his judgment on the microscopical examination alone. He also made certain measurements of the characters in the letters. He did not produce his notes of the measurements, as he did not consider it necessary to do so, and he said that it was absurd on Mr. D'Arcy's part to ask for their production.

A heated argument here ensued between Mr. D'Arcy and the witness.

Further cross-examined, Captain Quirke said that the notepaper used was in pretty common use, and could be purchased anywhere. The pencil with which the letters were written was of a type which could be found in the possession of almost any railway workman.

The further hearing of the case was adjourned, the accused man being re-admitted to bail

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The Half-Holiday.

Longford Council's Dilemma.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONGFORD, Wednesday.

At the meeting of the Longford Urban Council to-day, there was an opposition petition to the general half-holiday closing signed by a large number of traders. It was explained that these traders were in favour of voluntary closing, but were against being compelled by law.

Mr. Maguire, solicitor, represented the Distributive Workers' Union. Mr. Brannigan, solicitor, represented the Council.

Mr. Brannigan said that they could not compel any particular trade to close without a two-thirds majority of that trade, and he understood that there was not a majority of the publicans, while there was of the drapers.

The Chairman, in view of that advice, refused to accept motions definitely naming a date for the holiday, but a motion, proposed by Mr. O'Reilly and seconded by Mr. Gibney, that Thursday be the date, provided that, before taking action, the trades concerned be in agreement, was passed by five votes to two.

Mr. Maguire said that his union were determined to compel the Chairman to accept the motions refused, and threatened a *mandamus*.

The Chairman said that he was only acting in the interests of the Council, in view of the advice of their solicitor. He was personally in favour of the closing.

The Eucharistic Congress.

Preparations in Longford.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONGFORD, Wednesday.

A letter was read from the Rev. P. Gray, Adm., the Presbytery, Longford, at the meeting of the Longford Urban Council, stating that a general meeting of the townspeople would be called in the near future for the purpose of having the town decorated for Eucharistic Congress Week, and, as it would be necessary to occupy certain points in the side-walks and streets to carry this out, he asked the Council for the necessary permission.

The Chairman (Mr. M. P. Connolly, T.D.) said that the Council would co-operate in every way, and it might be possible to make a small grant to assist in the decoration of the town. He proposed that the request in the letter be granted. Mr. McKenna seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

Co. Derry Farm Fire.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

DERRY, Wednesday.

For the third time within a month the Derry Fire Brigade was called beyond the city boundary, when to-day the engine from the Central Station made a sixteen miles run to an outbreak in the threshing mill at the farm of Thomas Fulton, Sallybank, Ballykelly.

The brigade made the journey in twenty minutes, and laid two lines of hose from a nearby stream.

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4th January, 1932.

The Irish Times.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1932.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND

The dissolution of the Dail is not expected before the end of the present month. Polling may take place in February.—(Page 7.)

The report of the Irish Land Commission for the year ending March 31, 1931, was issued in Dublin last night as a Blue Book.—(Page 8.)

An ex-Service man dramatist, who has been unemployed for several years, has been appointed porter at Drumcondra Dispensary at a wage of two guineas a week.—(Page 8.)

The first national convention of cottier tenants in the Free State, which was attended by delegates from several counties, met in Dublin yesterday and called for an inquiry into the whole question of labourers' cottages with a view to formulating a scheme of purchase.—(Page 11.)

The Military Tribunal, sitting in Dublin yesterday, passed a sentence of three months' imprisonment on Sean O'Farrell, of Dromod County Leitrim, an ex-T.D., for contempt of Court by refusing to plead.—(Page 8.)

The Leix County Committee of Agriculture, at its meeting yesterday, protested against the increase in bacon prices since a tariff was imposed on imports, and called upon the Government to take immediate action in the matter.—(Page 13.)

Convicted of setting fire to her house in Bishop street, Trim, Mrs. Mary Mitchell was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment with hard labour by Judge Wyse Power at Galway Circuit Court.—(Page 5.)

The Northern Ireland Exchequer returns for the nine months ending December 31, 1931, show a deficit of £566,609. The revenue of the final quarter—the "fat" one—has yet to come in, however, and is expected to show a surplus on the year.—(Page 8.)

As a result of the heavy rains during Tuesday and part of yesterday further serious flooding is reported from many parts of the Free State.—(Page 7.)

A number of candidates in the Northern municipal elections withdrew yesterday. One nomination paper was declared invalid at Armagh and three at Newry.—(Page 8.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Royal Navy suffered considerably in the gale which swept the British Isles. An able seaman was drowned as the result of the swamping of a boat, and two of the crew of a destroyer were injured. Another destroyer broke down and had to be towed to port.—(Page 7.)

Two British cruisers are searching the English Channel for a steamship that sent out distress signals from the Plymouth region.—(Page 7.)

Great Britain suffered the full force of the gale which commenced on Tuesday and continued up to last night. Torrential rain accompanied the wind, rail and road services were held up, and considerable damage was done to property.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

The authorities in India continue to take the wind out of the sails of Congress, and the business communities in the chief centres have passed resolutions of support for the Government. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is to meet the Viceroy to-day.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

An agreed statement issued at the end of a conference between representatives of the National Athletic Association and the Northern Athletic Association indicates that the end is in sight of the dispute which has existed between the two bodies.—(Page 7.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets again closed on a firm note, with a further rise in gilt-edged securities.—(Page 12.)

Dublin Market was idle. Guinness units reached a lower level.—(Page 12.)

Sedition in Spain.

Nine months have passed since the Spanish people expelled their King, and the country still seethes with sedition and discontent. A day seldom passes without conflict between strikers or ordinary rioters and the police. It seemed for a while that the new Government had contrived to obtain a grip upon disorder, but the illusion has been shattered within recent weeks. Only last week a mob of strikers in Castilblanco attacked and murdered four members of the Civil Guard who attempted to quell a demonstration, and the Government was compelled to despatch a force of five hundred soldiers to the town. On Tuesday six people were killed and seventeen were injured during a disturbance at Arnedo. Not long ago thirty thousand men stopped work at Badajoz in order to drive an unpopular Civil Governor from office. Seven hundred are still on strike at Epila, in the Province of Saragossa; when the Civil Guard intervened to check a riot they were met by a volley of revolver shots that wounded two of their number, and, replying with rifles, they killed one man and wounded ten. A sudden strike broke out recently at Jerzea, in the Province of Valencia, and order was not restored until two persons had been killed and fourteen injured. Not only social, but political, discontent prevails in many quarters. The rumour of a *coup d'état*, aiming at a dictatorship in Barcelona, has been contradicted; but its very existence suggests that Catalonia is in a state of tension.

One fact which may explain this recurrence of the trouble is a loss of homogeneity in the Government. Three weeks ago Señor Azaña, the Prime Minister, formed the first Cabinet under the new Constitution. Before that time the conjoined Republicans and Socialists had composed a reasonably solid block of opinion, and their first resolve was to govern with, at least, some show of firmness. Unfortunately, while the Cabinet was being constituted, the Radicals chose to secede, and the existing Cabinet is predominantly Socialist. The Radicals, it is true, have promised to lend the Government every assistance, but such co-operation with a Government whose labours they are unwilling to share does not offer more than a shadow of reality. Their presence in the Cabinet might have forced the Government to take a genuinely strong attitude towards the prevailing disorder, for which not a few Spanish voices hold that Government responsible. A deputy in the Cortes recently, according to the Madrid Correspondent of *The Times*, stated that the calamity at Castilblanco and the general strike there were the result of a subversive campaign rather than "a phase in proletarian claims." The Prime Minister himself has been forced to protest against a strong suggestion that his Government's sympathies were with the rioters rather than with the slain Civil Guard.

Whatever may be the truth about the unfortunate affair at Arnedo, the stir which it has created shows clearly the violence of popular opinion both for and against the Government. Señor Azaña has a chance to restore order if he can control his colleagues in office, many of whom are frankly hostile to firm action against rioters. Yet what can be expected? It would be almost incredible that the Spanish mind should have passed through the last nine months without a loss of equilibrium. Within that time Spain has swept away the institutions and outlook of nearly two millennia. She has promulgated a constitution which in a night transformed her from the most conservative country in Europe to the most "advanced." The loyalties of generations were in her blood; they were cast away at a blow. Spain achieved her revolution too quickly. Centuries of conservatism, capped by several years of a rigid dictatorship, had unfitted the people for unrestricted liberty. The new *régime* was inaugurated under a communist banner, and what happened in Russia is almost precisely what is happening in Spain. We believe that Spain must pass through yet greater agonies before she can find any real peace. Strong government can speed the happy day; but the period of reaction must run a full course.

The Export of Eggs.

The development of the egg industry in the Irish Free State still leaves something to be desired. It is true that during the last few years a fluctuating rise in the export figures has been noticed—3,795,914 great hundreds of fresh hen eggs were shipped in 1924 and 4,284,864 great hundreds in 1930—but this slight increase appears to be wholly inadequate when the potentialities of the country are remembered. Criticism of the Free State's poultry farmers, moreover, is strengthened by the indefensibly high proportion of losses due to improper packing. Five *per cent.* of the eggs shipped in 1930, for instance, were stale, and thus fetched about four shillings a great hundred less than fresh eggs, while there were so many dirty eggs in the consignments that the price *per* great hundred was reduced by the amount which it would have cost to clean them. Since the repute of Irish eggs depends upon their condition, such fecklessness must be deemed a loss to the national exchequer. For none of these shortcomings can the Free State Government be blamed, but in certain districts poultry farmers have not supported its lead. Not only have they "chanced their arm" with inferior shipments—thus bringing Irish eggs into disfavour with British buyers—but in some cases they have tried to excite an agitation against the Department of Agriculture's meritorious concern for their own name. The Free State's egg trade with Great Britain alone is worth some three million pounds a year; and, with proper attention to detail, breeding and collection, this figure is capable of almost infinite expansion. A lack of co-ordination and *esprit de corps*, however, frustrates the achievement of such a goal. Poultry farmers are too prone to adopt an individualistic attitude towards their trade. There is no reason whatever why, if co-operative societies of sufficient magnitude were created to feed certain ports, the Irish Free State should not become the leader among the world's egg-producers. Bitter complaints by poultry-farmers about the importation of foreign eggs are frequent; but a constructive proposal to out-Herod Herod, as a rule, is conspicuous by its absence. Few commodities lend themselves better to manipulation with small capital than eggs. Exporters from Latvia to Britain usually draw their bills at thirty days to cover shipments, and in practice often have retrieved their money within fourteen. The journey from Dublin to Liverpool, or from Rosslare to Fishguard, is not more than a third of that from Libau to London or Hull; yet no really large concern has mobilised egg reserves to meet the opportunity. We draw the attention of the Free State's poultry farmers to their opportunity; the scheme would cost little to finance, but it would cost some effort in the sinking of individuality for the common weal.

Boys and History.

On Tuesday, in London, the Historical Association discussed the teaching of history. The speakers were all schoolmasters, and all were dissatisfied with the present teaching of history in English schools. One complained that there was too much "period," and not enough "subject," in the historical syllabus. Another said that an age fruitful in social reconstruction was presented merely as the time of the Wars of the Roses. A third made the old, and apparently still true, criticism that, while the teaching of history in schools ought to be a challenge to curiosity, it is, in general, a challenge to verbal memory. We think, however, that Mr. C. H. K. Marten, Vice-Provost of Eton College, got most nearly to the root of the matter when he said that historical courses ought to include a greater variety of books. The average boy likes to browse, and is more apt to be interested in what he reads for himself than in the discourses of teachers. Moreover, some books which are not history in the strict sense can inspire a devouring curiosity for history. Mr. Marten cited the cases of two Eton boys who became Prime Ministers of England: the careers of Lords Rosebery and Balfour were much influenced by Macaulay's "Essays," which both, as children, discovered for themselves. In all departments of learning one vivid appeal to the imagination is worth the lore of a thousand text-books. A writer in the current number of the *London Mercury* declares that Scott has been the victim of indiscriminate praise, and ought to be forbidden until the reader has turned twenty-five. This is a horrid heresy. Scott has made history a living thing for millions of young people. Many middle-aged Irishmen will testify that the first glory of romance came to them through "Ivanhoe," set as a "vacation task." For an English or Irish boy the best—incomparably the best—introduction to Roman history is Mr. Kipling's stories of the "Wall" in "Puck of Pook's Hill." We flout the objection that Macaulay is prejudiced and that the novelists are not exact. A little paint and a dash of powder enhance Clio's charms for the youthful reader. Knowledge of her austerities will come soon enough—perhaps, too soon.

Dutch Picture-Houses.

There is, at least, one European country where the sound film has failed to make headway. Holland, says The Hague Correspondent of *The Times*, has strikingly few picture-houses. In the United States there is one picture-house for every 4,800 inhabitants. One house caters for every 9,300 Englishmen, and one house for every 12,000 Germans. In Holland, on the other hand, there is only one picture-house for every 27,000 citizens. Moreover, Holland seems to possess a real distaste for the films. The American houses, for all their huge number, are filled six evenings a week; Germany and England fill theirs for three evenings in the week, while Holland's poor array is filled for only one and a half evenings in the week. This fact is the more curious because Dutch business men have played no mean part in the advancement of the sound film. Holland was the first country in Europe to finance the sound film industry to any serious extent, and for a long time she has had heavy financial interests in the equipment of cinematography. Certain of her financiers are making an effort to break down the public apathy, and they have arranged to hold an international exhibition of a comprehensive kind—it will be called "*Klank and Beeld*," or Sound and Film—in Amsterdam during May. Representatives of the industry in all countries have applied for space, and it is notable that important British and German undertakings are represented on the committee of honour. If a "boom" period for the film industry begins in Holland, the European companies will have an excellent opportunity to drive another wedge into the American monopoly.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Dublin Port and Docks Board—1 p.m.
Model Engineers—30 South Frederick street, 7.30 p.m.
Aviation Lecture—Bolton street Technical Schools, 8 p.m.
Clontarf Literary and Debating Society—8 p.m.
Donnybrook Dramatic Society — Rathmines Town Hall, 8 p.m.
T. and C. Martin's Staff Dance—Gresham Hotel.
Old Belvedere Rugby Club Dance—Metropole.
West Waterford Hunt Ball—Dromana, Cappoquin.

AMUSEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Humpty Dumpty."
Olympia Theatre—"Dick Whittington and his Cat."
Peacock Theatre—"Alice in Wonderland."
Gate Theatre—"Mogu of the Desert."
Sackville Cinema—"Hit the Deck" and "Shooting Straight."
Metropole Cinema — "Daddy Long-Legs" and "Two Crowded Hours."
Grafton Cinema—"The Girl in the Night."
Savoy Cinema—"The White Man."
Theatre Royal—Variety.
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"Caught Plastered."
Capitol Cinema — "Tarnished Lady" and Variety.
Clery's Ballroom—All-Ireland Amateur Ballroom Championships.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales hunted with the Cottesmore from Owston, and took part in a great hunt, with a point of eight miles and a total distance of twenty miles as hounds ran. He returned afterwards to London.

The Duke of Gloucester, who is on leave from the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, of which he is Staff Captain, will spend most of his time at The Spinnies, Melton Mowbray. He has taken this box for the season, and intends to hunt with the Belvoir, Cottesmore and other packs.

Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise will attend a concert given by Lady Weigall at Englemere, Ascot, to-morrow afternoon.

The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe, who went to Floors Castle, Kelso, before Christmas, will pay a visit to London about the middle of the month. They will be at Floors, however, for part of the spring salmon-angling season, which opens on the Tweed on February 1st.

Lord and Lady Cushendun are expected to return to 18 Cadogan place, London, from Glenmona, Cushendun, Co. Antrim, at the end of the month. Mr. and the Honourable Mrs. Loel Guinness will return to London this week from Hamsell House, Bath, where they spent Christmas.

The Marquess and Marchioness of Waterford have returned to Curraghmore from London. Lady Patricia Miller will return to 29 Oxford square, London, at the end of the month from Whitfield Court, Waterford.

Lord Ellenborough has left 11 Herbert Crescent, London, for Ireland. Sir Charles and Lady Stevenson-Moore have arrived at Valescure.

Doctor P. J. Keogh has returned to 19 Lower Fitzwilliam street.

Mr. J. C. Flood has returned to 20 Lower Baggot street.

At Switzers Sale this week—Special offer of a collection of Ladies' well-tailored Coats in Tweeds, Suitings and Fancy Cloths, lined throughout; many with beautiful collars in the newest Furs. Regular prices, 4 gns. to 8 gns.; all offered at one price, £2 19s. 6d. each.

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PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

Among the arrivals were:—W. E. Manning, F. Barbour, T. Shannon, R. McIlwraith, W. Stewart, T. Fleming, J. Dickinson, Dr. J. Lyon, R. Thomas, A. Sanderson, S. Adamson, Mrs. Adler, C. M. Dillon, Mrs. R. Redmond, J. McKeevor, H. Crean, Captain and Mrs. Kennedy, T. Holden, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Forsythe, Miss C. C. Perry, Miss Spence, Mr. and Mrs. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. M. McAllan, Major-General Hartigan, Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. Lindsay, T. Hardy, J. L. Wade, Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. H. Garner, and Mrs. O'Connor.

Among the departures were:—Mrs. M. A. Richardson, R. W. Shaw, G. Ackerley, W. E. Hanretta, T. Brady, T. Shannon, J. E. Geoghegan, D. E. Tucker, W. C. Taylor, G. Parker, C. Hall, A. C. Walton, the Rev. Mr. and Miss Colbert, Miss M. Sexton, Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Miss Janion, Miss Devaney, Miss Lambe, Miss M. C. Steen, Miss E. E. Connolly, Miss A. E. Jones, Miss Tucker, Miss O'Clery, Mr. and Mrs. Beggan, P. V. I. Reid, Goode, J. Thompson, W. J. A. Blackburne, S. Leonard, Dr. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, A. E. Cairns, Miss F. Hilton, Miss N. Stynes, Mrs. R. Talbot, Miss K. Bennett, Miss H. Odlum, Miss Peggy Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond, Miss Lowry, Miss R. Moore, Miss O'Connor, and Miss S. Clarke.

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THE LIMERICK CONTRACT.

MAYOR'S TALK WITH MINISTER.

The Mayor of Limerick, with the Harbour Engineer, has interviewed the Free State Department of Industry and Commerce with a view to sanction being obtained to the tender of the Netherlands Harbour Works Company, which has been accepted by the Harbour Board for the extension of the floating dock. It is understood in Limerick that the interview was satisfactory, and it is hoped the work will be started by the 1st of March next.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A series of intense depressions extends from the Humber to Western Norway, of which the most southern system is travelling rapidly eastwards. Cooler, showery conditions will extend to all districts, with snow or sleet in the north.

Ireland, North-West and North-East.—Strong, squally north-westerly winds; bright intervals; showers of rain, hail or sleet; perhaps snow on high ground; moderate temperature or rather cold.

Ireland, South-East and South-West.—Fresh to strong west to north-west wind; bright intervals; showers of rain or hail; cooler.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Strong, squally north-west wind; bright intervals; showers of rain, hail or sleet; visibility good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall Barometers and Thermometers. 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	8.39	8.39
Sets	4.23	4.24
Lighting-up Time	5.23	5.24

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

Morning	10.46	11.32
Evening	11.14	11.59

NEW CONSULATE-GENERAL AT DUBLIN.

The Netherlands Consulate at Dublin has been raised to a Consulate-General, and the present Consul, Mr. I. R. A. Weenink, has been promoted to the rank of Consul-General.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

UNITY OF THE CHURCH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Patritius" has transferred his attention from the Celtic Church of St. Patrick to the African Church of St. Augustine. As I quoted the words of St. Augustine about the possible fallibility of Roman decisions (*Si male judicasse convicti*), I claim to be exempt from the charge of relying merely on his silence.

It is at least questionable if any reputable text-book on logic possessed by "Patritius" would condemn my appeal to the silence of another writing of St. Augustine. If a writer on the political constitution of Ireland made no mention of the Parliaments of the Free State and of Northern Ireland, we might legitimately conclude that these had not been set up when he wrote. Similarly the argument from silence is valid when we find the Saint treating of the unity of the Church and displaying no knowledge that it was a truth of Catholic teaching, "from which no one can deviate without loss of faith and of salvation," that unity is to be preserved by submission to, and communion with, the Roman Pontiff as Supreme Pastor. St. Augustine plainly states the question at issue between him and the Donatists—"Where is the Church; whether with us or with them?" His whole argument reveals not the slightest consciousness that Rome had any concern with the matter. When he does cite the names of distinguished prelates who share his communion it is the names of the Bishops of Milan and Milevis to which he appeals.

"Patritius" can find the treatise to which I refer—*De Unitate Ecclesiæ*—in Migne, Tome XLIII., col. 391.—Yours, etc.,

W. S. KERR.

Banbridge, County Down,
January 6th, 1932.

THE FREE STATE'S OUTLOOK.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—While strolling down Whitehall two days ago I found that every window of the Foreign Office and of most other Government buildings had two posters affixed on alternate panes of glass, urging citizens to "Buy British." These notices are being distributed broadcast by the Empire Marketing Board. The following points are of interest to the Irish reader:—The Englishman says that his Budget must balance, but, whenever he tries to differentiate between his customers, he gets into deep water at once. A New Zealander told me in Dublin to-day, for instance, that, if an import duty of about 2d. a pound were put upon his Canterbury lamb, the same tariff ought to be put by England upon sheep and cattle from Ireland, because the Free State, too, is a British Dominion. The Irishman answers: "That is a preposterous idea. Here we are within three hours' steam of England, and we buy more from her in proportion than any other country buys. Yet you suggest that we pay a duty on our agricultural produce, without which England would well-nigh starve." "But," says the Englishman, "why does the Free State put a percentage duty on clothes, motor cars, woollen articles and other goods manufactured by us? What right have you Irish to expect preferential treatment over all our loyal colonies?"

There is, however, another way of looking at the matter. Many people in England to-day argue that the Argentine, which supplies them with so much beef and is so good a purchaser of English produce, ought to suffer no tariff on her imports into England. The Prince of Wales opened the British section of the Exhibition at Buenos Aires recently, and implored the Argentinos to "Buy more British" goods. "Surely," the Argentinos claim, "you are not now going to drive us out of the market?" Lastly, we have the financiers and bankers in London to-day, who, almost to a man, are opposed to any hostile tariff whatever against any foreign nation, French, German, or even Russian.

What chance, then, has the poor Irish farmer of selling any of his sheep, cattle or barley? What is the use of his growing any wheat, roots or anything, while the whole world is against him? Yet I think that we shall be able to hold our own, if only we will try to pull together a little with England, and do what the Empire Marketing Board is calling upon everybody to do—that is, to push right through with a shovel, showing the same energy that the Irish showed in 1798 and in 1867 with a pike, and so win through to prosperity, peace and happiness.—Yours, etc.,

"PHŒNIX."

Co. Dublin, January 6th, 1932.

THE PRICE OF BACON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—It was stated in the daily papers on Thursday and Friday last that Irish bacon was being retailed in Dublin at 1s. 6d. a lb., and it is stated to-day that the price has been advanced 2d. a lb. The advance of 2d. a lb. is uncalled for and unjustified. The bacon for which the shopkeeper charged 1s. 6d. a lb. was purchased from the curer at 7d., or at most 7½d. a lb., and why 1s. 6d. a lb. should be charged and paid passes comprehension. Take, for instance, a side of bacon weighing 56 lbs. At 66s. a cwt. it cost the shopkeeper 33s. He cut that side in two and sold the back, prime streak and corner gammon, all weighing approximately 30 lbs., at an average price of 1s. 3d. a lb. He now has a profit of 4s. 6d., with half a side of bacon left. We will assume that he sells the remaining 26 lbs. at 6d. a lb. The consumer can tell whether or not he got Irish bacon at 6d. a lb. from his grocer and draw his own conclusions therefrom. Our shopkeeper now has a gross profit of 17s. 6d. on every side of bacon sold.

Cosumers have no need to seek Government interference. They have the remedy in their own hands. Leave the bacon on the "profiteer's" counter until such time as he finds it is to his advantage to reduce his price to a reasonable level, and do not allow him to gull you with the excuse that the curers have advanced the price to him. The curers certainly have advanced the price to the shopkeeper by about 1½d. a lb., but even if they have, the shopkeeper can still afford to sell at the old price and have a handsome profit on his bacon. The tariff on bacon was designed to help the unfortunate pig-rearer, who has been losing heavily on every pig he reared for the past twelve months, and was not designed with a view to fleecing the consumer or enhancing the profits of the "profiteer."—Yours, etc.,

"FEAR OIBRE."

Co. Tipperary, January 6th, 1932.

THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—May I, as the senior of the three Governors representing the Academy's largest endowment—the "Coulson," yielding about £500 *per* annum—be permitted briefly to supplement the enlightenment of the public which my friend, Mr. Victory, has expressed a desire for in his letter to the Press, by stating that it will be open to him and the other members' Governors to co-opt from the roll of Academy members whom soever they wish, and not necessarily any of the recently defeated candidates? Mr. Victory is aware of the fact that during the year 1931 a considerable number of new members paid £1 subscription, and became qualified to vote last month. Some of these members have joined within a few weeks of the election.

It may possibly be within the recollection of some of your readers that a few years ago, when the first attempt was made to elect Academy professors to the Governing Body, I protested publicly against employés of the latter occupying such an anomalous position. However, two of the professors were then elected, and another has just been successful. The scheme under which the Academy functions provided for the teaching staff to have official representation on the Board of Governors by the election annually by the "Board of Studies" of one of their members as their representative, thereby forming a conn

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ANCIAL OBLEMS.

EET STREET, LONDON,
EDNESDAY NIGHT.

hamberlain, as Chancellor r, presided to-day over a ub-committees set up by o review the financial country and its trading her members of the Com- hn Simon and Mr. Walter returned from holiday for The Committee's ambition it is understood that the uded the question of war debts, in addition to of domestic importance. hat, as a result of Mr. rn to London, a date will is meeting with members e State Executive, which hortly in London. Nearly of the Cabinet will be or its neighbourhood by efore the full meeting of hich is to be held on

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n London is commonly ty people, but this y g quite a "boom," and le can be met in every ddition, there are many reign visitors, and the excellent business in m. The exhibition of the Royal Academy has s of French people with visiting London, and it y find conditions here so they frequently extend period is drawing near ears, there used to be a people to the Riviera, but at there will be any such ear. Many well-known pressed an intention to months in London, or, at untry.

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of the strangely shaped by the Prince of Wales the United States, cross- c not in the hold of a but in the dining saloon , which left Southampton with it, will read a paper of the Society of Auto- s of America, explaining features. The design pendent springing of the engine placed behind the shaped to minimise air account of its uncon- ance the car has attracted in this country and in likely to cause quite a d States.

THE SHADOW OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

DISSOLUTION NOT EXPECTED BEFORE END OF MONTH.

TWO IMPORTANT BILLS TO PASS THE SENATE.

POLLING REGARDED AS PROBABLE IN FEBRUARY.

By Our Political Correspondent.

WHILE many people expect the announcement of the dissolution of the Dail at any moment, it may be taken that that event will not take place for some time.

President Cosgrave will naturally take advantage of what he considers the most suitable moment. There are good reasons for believing that the Government are anxious that the two major bills, which are now awaiting the Senate's deliberations, should be passed. These are the Road Transport Bill and the Railways (Miscellaneous) Bill.

The Senate does not meet till the 20th of this month, and it seems likely that these measures will take a full week, if not more.

Should any amendments be made, it would be necessary to call the Dail to deal with them. That would carry the life of the Dail to the end of the month.

The Cumann na nGaedheal Party will select candidates to contest the elections during the coming week, and, following that, the plan is to hold a representative party meeting in Dublin some time before the end of the month, at which the President is expected to announce the party's election programme.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK.

The Conference of Free State Ministers, Messrs. P. McGilligan and P. Hogan, with British Ministers in London will almost certainly take place next week—although it is authoritatively stated that no definite date has yet been fixed—and there is hardly any doubt that its outcome will have an important bearing on the election issue.

In all these circumstances it would not be surprising if the announcement of the Dissolution were delayed till the last week of this month. This would still make it possible for the election to be completed in February, which appears to be the generally accepted time.

All parties were busy in the country yesterday, which was a Roman Catholic holiday. Many meetings were held. At the party headquarters in Dublin there is also intense activity.

GALE HAVOC IN BRITAIN.

RAIL AND ROAD STOPPAGES.

MORE FLOODS IN FREE STATE.

HOUSES AND LANDS INUNDATED.

MESSAGES from various parts of the Free State indicate that considerable flooding has followed the heavy rains of Tuesday and yesterday.

The town of Cappamore, Co. Limerick, was subjected to serious flooding on Tuesday night and again yesterday as a result of the Mulkear River overflowing its banks. Several houses were inundated to a depth of from one to two feet, and the occupants had to leave. The streets of the town are impassable and traffic has had to be diverted. Hundreds of acres have been submerged, and it is feared that the damage will prove to be very considerable.

At Mountmellick, one resident, Mrs. Conroy, of Tay lane, had to leave her house, and at the Langbarrow six families are threatened by the rising waters. Many roads are impassable, and hundreds of acres of land are lying under several feet of water.

Flooding in the Glen of Aherlow has been caused by the overflowing of the rivers Aherlow and Arra. Here, also, roads are blocked and lands inundated.

Messages reporting serious flooding in the Tullamore district were received last night.

Continuous rain has fallen in Bagenalstown since Monday, and the River Barrow is in flood. On Tuesday a terrific gale, accompanied by torrential rain, swept the district. Several trees in the neighbourhood of the town were felled, and the telegraphic service suffered occasional interruptions. Early on Wednesday morning the electric supply failed, owing, it is stated, to a breakdown of the supply wires some miles from the town. The normal service was restored at 7.30 a.m.

The Barrow is rising rapidly, and if the present rains continue serious flooding is feared. Low-lying land in the vicinity of the river is already inundated, though no serious damage has as yet been reported.

BRITAIN FARES BADLY.

The full force of the storm appears to have been suffered by Great Britain.

Wild weather was experienced in many parts of the country yesterday, heavy rainstorms being lashed by a high wind, which in some places reached gale force.

The rainstorms in South Wales caused extensive floods. Rivers overflowed their banks and much of the countryside was under water. Farms were isolated, and railway traffic was interfered with in some centres because the railway lines were turned into rivers. At Tonypandy railway station the water reached the platform. A sixty-mile-per-hour gale accompanied the rain, and there was some damage in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Shipping in the Bristol Channel had to seek shelter in the Roads, and as, towards the evening, the gale increased in force some fear was felt for the smaller vessels.

Coastguards kept a close look-out and lifeboat crews remained alert. At Cardiff nearly two inches of rain fell.

CARDIFF DAMAGE.

The wind increased in velocity towards evening, and Cardiff received its full force. Business premises were damaged through smashed roofs and windows. In Kingsway, near the city centre, an empty Post Office mail van was blown into the canal.

The Conway Valley experienced its third flood in as many days. Thirty hours' continuous rainfall resulted in three rivers—the Llugwy, from the Snowdonian Mountains, the Conway, from Machno Mountain, and the Lledr, from the Festiniog Mountains—overflowing and inundating hundreds of acres.

Between Bettyscoed and Trefriw the valley was an unbroken sheet of swirling yellow water. The swollen river roared under the old Llanrwst bridge, almost filling the arches to the top and carrying trees along with it.

There has been serious flooding of roads and fields in the neighbourhood of Usk, Monmouthshire, and the town is in danger of being isolated.

When crossing the railway near Magor in the driving rain, George Dixon (65), of Whitewall, Magor, apparently did not see the South Wales to Bristol express and was cut to pieces.

A thunderstorm of exceptional violence broke over the East Yorkshire wolds yesterday afternoon.

Roads and streets in Mid Cheshire were flooded and 'bus and other traffic was stopped in many places.

A number of houses in Collyhurst road, Collyhurst, Manchester, were flooded yesterday when the river Irk overflowed its banks.

LIBRARY FLOODED.

At Cheetham Public Library, Cheetham Hill road, Manchester, a torrent of water rushed into the librarian's office and the lending department of the building. A section was flooded and hundreds of books were saturated. Large numbers of other books were removed to a safe place.

Several main roads were flooded to a depth of two feet near Clitheroe (Lancs.) and many country lanes were impassable. The rivers Ribble and Hodder overflowed, flooding wide tracts and sweeping away fences and loose timber. Farmhouses among the moors and hills, together with many cottages, were damaged.

MAIN ROAD BLOCKED.

A huge landslide occurred yesterday on the Snake road, in the Hope Valley, near Sheffield, when about a hundred tons of the hillside collapsed across the main road following the heavy rains. Traffic between Sheffield and Manchester was completely blocked for several hours.

When the gale was at its height last evening two chimneys at Bridgnorth, Shropshire, Poor Law Institution crashed through the roofs and into the Master's sittingroom, larder and food stores, damaging furniture and gas brackets. The Master, Matron and a baby were having tea at the time, and the *débris* fell among them. No one was injured, but the Matron suffered from shock.

After over twenty hours' continuous rain, the river which runs through Leigh, Lancs., overflowed, and turned many of the streets into rivers of rushing water.

The water rose so rapidly that the cellars in The Avenue, the chief residential street, were flooded and provisions were cut off.

93 M.P.H.

Gales, the force of which reached eighty miles an hour in many parts, swept London and the southern half of England last night, accompanied by torrential rain. One gust of wind caught the Scilly Isles at the terrific force of 93 miles an hour.

PREMIER'S RETURN TO LONDON.

ACTIVE PREPARATION.

The Prime Minister is expected to arrive at King's Cross, London, early this morning from Lossiemouth. In view of his return there was much activity at Whitehall yesterday.

The Cabinet Committee on Reparations held a meeting during the afternoon, when Viscount Snowden attended, with Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Treasury expert, who was present for purposes of consultation. The Committee will report to next week's full meeting of the Cabinet.

Sir Frederick will return to Paris tomorrow to resume his conversations with the French Ministry of Finance. He will explain the British point of view and ascertain the French attitude.

The two Governments are trying to find a basis on which they can work together to bring the Lausanne Conference to a successful issue. In the view of the British Government the principal aim should be the re-establishment of confidence in the economic and general position of Germany.

MR. WILLIAM GRAHAM'S ILLNESS.

Mr. William Graham, former President of the Board of Trade, who is ill with pneumonia at Hendon, was slightly worse last night. Dr. Salter, M.P., who is in attendance, told a reporter last night that Mr. Graham's illness was nearing the end of the infective period. Necessarily, added Dr. Salter, he is not so well to-day. We are hoping that he will get the turn to-morrow.

FIERCE STORM AT SEA.

BAD DAY FOR THE NAVY.

ONE MAN DROWNED. TWO INJURED.

SHIPS of the British Navy suffered considerably as a result of the gale that swept the British Isles yesterday. A whaler belonging to H.M.S. Whirlwind was swamped, and an able seaman was drowned; an accident occurred in the engine-room of H.M.S. Wessex, involving injuries to two of the crew, and H.M.S. Vendetta was disabled and had to be towed to port. The cruiser Royal Sovereign put to sea in the gale to the assistance of a steamship that had lost her propellor.

The following announcement was issued by the Admiralty yesterday:—

"A whaler belonging to H.M.S. Whirlwind was swamped at Sheerness in the early hours of this morning, and it is regretted that James Murton, A.B., official number C/JX 126051, was drowned.

"The harbour was searched for the missing man by a picket boat from H.M.S. Valiant, and searchlights from H.M.S. Valiant and H.M.S. Whirlwind were employed. A strong ebb tide was running at the time."

A further announcement yesterday by the Secretary of the Admiralty states:—"While proceeding from Chatham to *rendezvous* with other vessels of the Atlantic Fleet early this morning, prior to the departure for the spring cruise, a minor accident occurred in the engine-room of H.M.S. Wessex.

"An expansion gland was blown out, and certain valves and steam pipes were carried away.

"It is regretted that Leonard F. Vickery, E.R.A., official number M 7055, and John T. Swann, leading stoker, official number K 62824, are both suffering from burns received through scalding. Their condition, however, is not serious.

"The Wessex is now proceeding to Portsmouth under her own steam."

The Wessex is a destroyer of 1,100 tons, built under the emergency War programme and launched in March, 1918.

Her main armament consists of four four-inch guns and six torpedo tubes. She is of 27,000 horse-power and designed for a speed of 34 knots. She is attached to the Atlantic Fleet.

DESTROYER DISABLED.

H.M.S. Vendetta, a destroyer which had gone from Chatham to Portsmouth in the gale, developed engine trouble off Southsea Castle yesterday.

As a result of a signal to Portsmouth Dockyard a grappler went to her assistance and towed her into harbour.

Vendetta, built in 1917 under the war emergency programme, is of 1,090 tons and 27,000 horse power. She belongs to the Reserve Fleet and is tender to H.M.S. Pembroke.

The Plymouth Lifeboat and the battleship H.M.S. Royal Sovereign have gone to the assistance of the steamship Trevaylor, which sent out S.O.S. messages that she had lost her propeller and was drifting two miles south of the Eddystone Lighthouse, fifteen miles from Plymouth.

A gale was blowing and heavy seas were running when the lifeboat set out.

CRUISER'S SEARCH.

The distress signals were picked up by the wireless station at Rame Head, Plymouth, and by the instruction of the Commander-in-Chief at Naval Headquarters, the message was re-transmitted to H.M.S. Royal Sovereign, which was lying off Plymouth waiting for visibility to improve to enter the port.

The Trevaylor is one of the Hain Steamship Company's fleet. Her gross tonnage is 4,283 and her port registry St. Ives (Cornwall). After arriving at Barry last Thursday from Birkenhead, following a four months' voyage to South America and other countries, her master disappeared.

She left Barry on Monday for Buenos Aires with a new master.

H.M.S. Royal Sovereign was returning from the Mediterranean and should have reached Plymouth at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, but was delayed by bad weather.

FURTHER SEARCH.

Late last evening a wireless message was received at Plymouth from H.M.S. Royal Sovereign to the effect that, owing to bad visibility, she was unable to locate the steamer Trevaylor, and the cruiser Exeter, which was in Plymouth Sound awaiting departure for the West Indies, was ordered to sea to stand by the distressed steamer.

In view of the proximity of the Torbay lifeboat, the Plymouth lifeboat returned.

The weather has moderated considerably, and it was not thought that the ship was in danger. She had reported that she was drifting eastwards at about three knots.

SAUL-MOLLISON FLIGHT.

IRELAND TO NEW YORK AND BACK.

Captain J. P. Saul, the Irish airman, who navigated Wing-Commander Kingsford Smith's monoplane Southern Cross on the East to West trans-Atlantic flight of 1930, is expected to leave Dublin at the end of this week to discuss plans for his forthcoming flight to New York and back with Mr. J. A. Mollison in the early spring.

Yesterday Captain Saul received a telegram from Mr. Mollison, asking him to visit London in order to complete the details for the flight, which was originally planned as a round-the-world flight, to beat the "record" set up by Post and Gatty.

It has now been virtually decided that the airmen will take off from Portmarnock Strand, fly non-stop to New York, and, after a short rest and refuelling, they will return across the Atlantic to Dublin.

The machine which is to be used on the flight is a Lockheed "Vega," capable of a speed of about 150 miles per hour, and Captain Saul and Mr. Mollison hope to establish new "records" for the flight in both directions.

A small amount of mail may be carried on the flight, but this is one of the points which will be discussed when the two pilots meet. Another problem to be decided is whether or not a wireless operator as a third member of the crew is to be carried. The weight of another man would necessitate a reduction in the amount of fuel carried, and this factor must be carefully considered.

MAYO LIBRARY CRUX SETTLED.

The statement in the *Irish Times* of last Saturday that a solution of the Mayo Library crux would be found by the transfer of Miss Dunbar-Harrison to another post is now officially confirmed. Miss Harrison will shortly take up duty at the Military Library, General Headquarters, Infirmary road, Dublin.

The change will not worsen, but rather improve, Miss Harrison's status, as she will now become an established civil servant, and her service in County Mayo will count towards her pension rights. It is understood that Miss Harrison is satisfied with the arrangement.

Steps will be taken at an early date to **make a new appointment in County Mayo.**

TEN YEARS AGO TO-DAY.

BIRTH OF THE FREE STATE.

DAIL APPROVAL OF THE TREATY.

END OF THE SIX MONTHS' TRUCE.

Just ten years ago to-day—on the 7th January, 1922—the Irish Free State was born.

After three weeks of anxious debate at University College, Dublin, the question of the acceptance or non-acceptance of the "Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland" was ultimately put to the vote of the then Dail and the Treaty was approved by 64 votes to 57.

The Treaty was the outcome of negotiations which had been in progress for nearly six months. On 11th July, 1921, a Truce was signed which brought to a close a period of intermittent fighting which might be said to have continued at intervals virtually from the rebellion of Easter Week, 1916.

THE IRISH TIMES Special Supplement of 100 Pages, recording the progress of the Irish Free State during the first ten years of its existence, will be published on January 21st. It will be issued free with the IRISH TIMES of that date.

Following the Truce there was a further period of negotiation between London and Dublin, during which numerous despatches were exchanged. Ultimately a meeting between Irish plenipotentiaries and the British Government was arranged.

The Treaty itself was signed in London on the 6th December, 1921. The Irish signatories to it were: Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins, Robert C. Barton, Eamonn J. Duggan and George Gavan Duffy.

The signatories on behalf of the British Government were: D. Lloyd George, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Earl of Birkenhead, Winston S. Churchill, Sir L. Worthington Evans, Sir Hamar Greenwood and Sir Gordon Hewart.

CIVIC GUARDS ACTIVE.

CHAUFFEUR DETAINED: PREMISES SEARCHED.

Detectives visited a house in Susanville road, Drumcondra, yesterday morning, and arrested John O'Loughlin, a former chauffeur to Mrs. Maude Gonne MacBride, and took him to the Bridewell, where he was still detained at a late hour last night. It is understood that no charge has yet been preferred against him.

Detectives visited the residence of Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, in Spencer street, South Circular road, Dublin, during yesterday morning and made a very careful search of the house, even lifting carpets in some of the rooms. They remained about one and a half hours, but took nothing away with them.

On Tuesday evennig a second visit was paid by members of the Dublin detective force to the Hardwicke Hall, Hardwicke street, where they spent some time searching the basement. After apparently satisfying themselves that what they sought was not in the building they left.

RIFLE AND AMMUNITION FOUND.

TWO MEN DETAINED.

From Our Correspondent.

OLDCASTLE, Wednesday.

A loaded magazine rifle, a large amount of ammunition, and a number of documents, alleged to be of a seditious nature, have been found in a hay stack near here.

Three men were removed to Kells Civic Guard station, where, after about three hours, one was released unconditionally. The detained men are named James Cadden and James Caffery.

SPANISH POLICE METHODS.

DICTATORSHIP RUMOUR DENIED.

From Reuter's Correspondent.

MADRID, Wednesday.

There is intense feeling all over Spain against the Civil Guards. The most efficient police group in Europe is being criticised for over-aggressiveness in firing on a mob at Arnedo yesterday and killing six persons.

Señor Azana, the Prime Minister, denying the rumours that General Jose Sanjurjo, the commander of the Civil Guards, is plotting to establish a dictatorship, stated: "There is obviously a movement on foot with a view to making out that the Civil Guards are acting oppressively.

"I will not permit it. I would resign immediately if the measures taken for the maintenance of public order were in any way relaxed."

The clash at Arnedo followed a meeting of strikers from a shoe factory. The Guards ordered the strikers to disperse, but the latter refused and hurled abuse at the Guards, who eventually fired into the crowd.

Socialist deputies and Ministers have organised a subscription for the families of the six persons who were killed, and the parliamentary group of the Socialist Party has decided to send twenty deputies to take part in the funeral.

Incidents are reported from other centres. A mob at Ciudad Real stoned the Guards. A small garrison at Jereza, near Valencia, was surrounded by a jeering mob. Reserves were rushed to the spot, as trouble seemed imminent.

On the other hand, thousands are offering the Guards their support, and are signing memoranda in token of their confidence. The principal opposition to the Guards is apparently in the rural parts of the country.

The Bank of Spain is offering twenty-five thousand pesetas to the families of Guards killed in the execution of their duty, and other collections on their behalf have been started.

LORD LONDONDERRY.

Lord Londonderry, Secretary for Air, returned to London yesterday from his seat at Ranksborough, in Rutland, in order to attend Cabinet Committees to-day.

FREE STATE & NORTH AGREE.

AMATEUR UNION PROPOSED.

END OF LONG DISPUTE IN SIGHT

THE long-standing dispute in athletics between the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland is likely to be brought to an end.

A meeting of the representatives of the National Athletic and Cycling Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Athletic Association was held in Belfast yesterday to discuss the matter. General Eoin O'Duffy presided.

The following official announcement was made at the close:—

"The conference records its unanimous approval of the principle of complete autonomy for athletics in Northern Ireland."

The conference suggests that the associations governing athletics in the Irish Free State and Northern Ireland, being respectively autonomous in their own areas, unite to form an authority for national and international events, such authority to be designated the Irish Amateur Athletic Union.

"It is recommended also that the respective associations mentioned should adopt the following titles respectively:—

"Irish Free State Amateur Athletic Association, and

"Northern Ireland Amateur Athletic Association.

"A number of minor matters yet remain to be considered, but the above represents the principal matters in dispute.

"A further meeting is to be held on Friday, January 22nd."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL PEACE MOVE.

While the athletic bodies are apparently well on the road to patch up their differences, it is interesting to note that there are signs of peace also in the Association football world.

At a meeting last night the Council of the Free State Association announced their willingness to meet the representatives of the Irish Football Association at a conference. A report of the proceedings appears in the sporting pages.

FROM "THE TIMES."

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)

JUDGES' SALARIES.

In a leading article, *The Times* to-day states:—In a letter which appeared in *The Times* some weeks ago a legal correspondent expressed a reasoned scepticism as to the competence of recent legislation aimed at reducing the salaries of public servants to affect the remuneration of our Judicial Bench. The doubts raised by the Director of Legal Studies receive impressive support to-day from another quarter. In the current number of the *Law Quarterly*, Professor Holdsworth discusses the scope and application of the Economy Act, 1931, and the Order in Council made thereunder, with especial reference to the salaries of the judges. The provisions of these enactments purport to apply to persons in His Majesty's service, and offices in the service of His Majesty.

After asking what criterion is to be applied in determining who is a person in His Majesty's service within the statutory provisions, *The Times* proceeds: It is only within the sphere of the prorogative that the Crown can act by orders given to its servants. Therefore, it would seem that the expression "persons in His Majesty's service" must be confined to those servants of the Crown who are appointed to act as its agents or servants in the exercise of its prerogative powers. This test, if it is the true one, is complied with by Cabinet Ministers and civil servants who are members of the Executive Government.

HIS MAJESTY'S JUDGES.

It is true that many powers exercised by these persons are conferred on them by Statute, and are, therefore, not exercised in virtue of the prerogative, which is simply the residue of the Crown's discretionary power surviving the encroachments of legislature; but it is equally true that the persons in question also exercise some powers by virtue of this prerogative. They are, therefore, none the less servants of the Crown in the narrow sense of the term, because they wield, in addition, powers derived from parliamentary sources. These officers, therefore, clearly pass the proposed test. As clearly that test excludes from liability such public or semi-public officers as Sheriffs, Lords Lieutenant, Justices of the Peace and municipal officers, who are beholden not to the prerogative, but to statute or common law, for their jurisdiction, and enjoy a considerable discretion as to its exercise. In which category, then, do His Majesty's judges fall?

Professor Holdsworth holds that they fall within the second. The importance of these factors does not lie so much in the hardship involved to the existing incumbents of judicial office, severe though this is; it lies far more, as Professor Holdsworth points out, in the fact that the present scale of remuneration (particularly if reduced by the cuts) is "not sufficient to induce the ablest lawyers in the prime of life to accept judicial office."

DEPLORABLE CONSEQUENCES.

It is no exaggeration to say that in the past very few lawyers have been elevated to the Bench who were earning less than double the equivalent of a judicial salary, and many of them were earning four or five times the equivalent. To reduce the financial inducement yet further is surely to invite the consequences which Professor Holdsworth justly apprehends and deplores. The saving effected by the proposed cuts in judicial salaries is, perhaps, in the neighbourhood of £40,000. To anyone with a sense of perspective such an economy is dust in the balance as compared with the evil of any appreciable decline in the quality of the justice dispensed by the Supreme Court.

VALUE OF THE £ YESTERDAY.

	Tues.	Wed.
New York	13/10	13/9½
Amsterdam	13/11½	13/11
Berlin	13/10¾	13/10
Brussels	13/9½	13/9½
Rome	14/4½	14/3½
Paris	13/9½	13/9
Copenhagen	19/11½	19/11½

Closing Prices.

INDIAN GOVERNMENTS MAKING THE PACE.

ANOTHER SERIOUS BLOW AT THE NATIONALIST CONGRESS.

"PEACEMAKER" INVITED TO MEET VICEROY.

THE Indian authorities continue to make the pace in the conflict with Congress. The round-up of Congress leaders in Bombay, reported yesterday, proved to be part of a concerted drive in all parts of the Presidency, which was followed by the banning of Congress and allied organisations throughout the province.

A more subtle move was the serving of an order on two Indian banks in Bombay forbidding drawing on certain accounts known to be Congress funds. The local Congress has replied by picketing foreign cloth shops in one of the principal shopping thoroughfares of the city.

The Governor of Bengal addressed a meeting in Calcutta last evening of Indian and European leaders and representatives of commercial and landed interests, in view of the threatened renewal of civil disobedience, and gave an assurance of every possible protection for the free conduct of business.

Punjabi cloth merchants have thanked the Governor of the Punjab for a similar promise, and have declared their intention of carrying on trade in foreign cloth.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Liberal leader, has been invited to see the Viceroy to-day.

UNION JACK ON CONGRESS HOUSE

From Reuter's Correspondents.

THE drive by the Government of Bombay Presidency against Congress, which began yesterday morning before dawn with the arrest of virtually all the prominent leaders, has resulted in all Congress and allied organisations throughout the Presidency and Sind being declared unlawful. The Order affects about five hundred bodies, of which over eighty are in Bombay and its suburbs.

The arrests in the Bombay round-up amount to forty, including nine women, and all have been lodged in Byculla House of Correction pending their trial, which will probably take place a fortnight hence. The arrests were effected without incident.

Nine arrests were made in a similar drive in Surat, where a "Black Maria" went round collecting the prisoners.

The headquarters of the Bombay Congress were taken possession of by the police, and the Union Jack was hoisted with elaborate ceremony upon the flagstaff, from which the Congress flag had been hauled down a few minutes earlier. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

SALT LAW BROKEN.

The salt laws were broken at Karachi last evening, when five volunteers, headed by a local dictator, marched to the seashore and gathered salt, which they sold at a public meeting. The police did not interfere.

On hearing the news of the revival of the boycott a Karachi trader dealing in a large scale in foreign cloth was seized with a paralytic stroke and suffered mental derangement. The alarm caused among traders, of which this is an extreme illustration, has been accentuated by the considerable fall in the sale of foreign piece goods, in which Karachi was hitherto reputed to be one of the most thriving centres.

Unsold stocks are being transported up-country or removed to *godowns* (warehouses). Simultaneously the sales of indigenous cloth have been stimulated, despite the rise in price.

OTHER INCIDENTS.

There was considerable excitement in Poona yesterday morning with the arrest of some dozen local Congress leaders. There was a general outcry in each district where arrests were carried out, and the crowd marched to the cantonment and to the police station, where the arrested persons were taken. So far, no untoward incidents have taken place.

A policeman in Cawnpore was injured in the head and taken to hospital as a result of stone-throwing by boys while the police were engaged in dispersing crowds listening to speeches on civil disobedience by half a dozen women near the Congress office.

Two people were killed and 100 injured, it is now revealed, in Tuesday's incident in Benares, in which police fired fourteen rounds on a defiant mob. Forty of the injured are in a serious condition.

The District Magistrate was hit by stones thrown by the mob, and a number of constables were injured.

The mob had assembled, in contravention of orders, to congratulate Gandhi on his arrest, and the police only opened fire after a charge with *lathis* (staves) had failed to disperse the forbidden gathering. Troops stood by in the Town Hall square, but were not called upon.

GOVERNOR AND BENGAL TRADE REVIVAL.

At the meeting of the Calcutta business interests Sir Stanley Jackson, the Governor of Bengal, reiterating his determination to crush terrorism and lawlessness and to push on with constitutional changes, gave an assurance of his resolve to afford every protection for the carrying out of business, and to secure complete personal liberty to the individual traders and consumers to buy and sell where they desired without being hampered by the boycott tyranny.

"Bengal," he said, "is pre-eminently in a position to take the earliest advantage of any world trade revival if no artificial restrictions are tolerated, while the boycott policy not only will produce economic ruin, but will speedily result in widespread agrarian discontent and violence."

The Governor requested that the utmost public co-operation should be shown by giving the fullest information and evidence to enable the police to deal effectively with picketing.

He also invited public assistance for the Government based on last year's experiences, and he said that he would especially welcome practical suggestions and schemes for outwitting the boycotters.

In a flying visit which he paid to Amritsar yesterday the Governor of the Punjab assured the cloth dealers that the Government would give them every support in carrying on their business peacefully.

The traders expressed their thanks, and said that they would carry on their trade in foreign cloth as long as they had any customers.

INDIAN LIBERAL AS "PEACEMAKER"?

It is understood in Allahabad that Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Liberal leader, has been invited to see the Viceroy at Delhi to-day.

Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru suggested in a statement issued on Tuesday that the Viceroy should call a conference of all those who were prepared to express their views freely and frankly as regards the preliminary work of the Round Table Committees, which might be a way out of the present *impasse*.

Sir Tej Bahadur was one of the mediators who brought about the meeting between Lord Irwin and Gandhi that led to the Delhi Truce in the last campaign.

RALLYING POINT WANTED

TO CONFIRM REMARKABLE VICTORY.

From "The Times" Correspondent.

DELHI, Wednesday.

For the moment the Viceroy has gained a remarkable victory over the Congress, but the strongest supporter of the Government realises that victory in itself is not enough, and that in order to enjoy its fruits some new rallying point for Indian opinion must be set up on the way towards reform.

There is a great chance for the moderate leaders to-day, the only question is whether they will take it or not. So far Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is the only Round Table delegate to come out into the open with criticism of the Congress policy.

The happiest feature of the situation to-day lies not so much in the absence of news of serious disturbances—and every hour that passes without a clash is strengthening the Government's hand—but in a series of meetings and resolutions all over the country with a view to getting on with normal life and trade conditions.

WORLD SIDES WITH RAJ.

A large meeting in Delhi last night, convened by British, Moslem, Sikh, and Hindu merchants, with Sir John Thompson, the Chief Commissioner, in the chair, condemned the Congress methods and promised support of the Government. There were similar meetings at Lahore and Calcutta.

Finally, every day the newspapers are printing fresh extracts from the world's Press, which inevitably must bring home to the Congress that it has little more to hope for from its disillusioned friends overseas.

It may be easy enough for ill-informed critics abroad to dance over the grave of the Delhi Truce. People in this country are the first to realise and admit that but for the truce, and the opportunity it gave to the Congress to prove or disprove its claim to represent Indian national opinion at the Round Table, the Government of India, in its present impregnable position, would almost certainly have had world opinion against it instead of on its side.

A REWARD OF £200.

SEQUEL TO TIPPERARY ROBBERY.

The Tipperary Post Office robbery of two months ago was recalled in Dublin yesterday, when the following notice was posted in prominent positions throughout the city:—

"GARDA SIOCHANA.

"£200 Reward.

"The above reward will be paid to any person giving such information as will lead to the recovery of the sum of £1,800 taken in the robbery of Tipperary Post Office on 5th November, 1931, and to the arrest and conviction of the robbers. Any information should be communicated to the undersigned or to any police station.

"Eoin O'Duffy, Commissioner.

"9th December, 1931."

WANTED—A MORATORIUM.

From Our Correspondent.

CLONMEL, Wednesday.

At a largely attended meeting in Clonmel to-day of the South Tipperary Ratepayers' Association the following resolution, proposed by Mr. J. R. Mulcahy and seconded by Mr. W. Lonergan, was passed unanimously:—"That we demand a five-year moratorium and an extension of the time to pay the land annuities, so as to leave posterity pay its portion of the burden."

A lorry driver, Samuel Bailey, of Cobham terrace, Greenhithe, was killed, and his mate, Herbert Ludlow, of Carlisle road, Dartford, was fatally injured on the Dartford-Rochester road last night when a car and a stationary lorry were in collision.

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THE KILDARE HUNT BALL.

Some of the guests at the Kildare Hunt Ball, held last night in Straffan House, Straffan, County Kildare, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Barton.

THE NORTHERN ELECTIONS.

SOME CANDIDATES WITHDRAW.

INVALID PAPERS AT ARMAGH AND NEWRY.

TWO candidates withdrew yesterday from the Belfast Corporation contests, with the result that there will be contests in three of the fifteen city wards.

Following the conference between the representatives of the Corporation Town Tenants' Association and the agents of Mr. George R. Black (Unionist) and the retiring Alderman of St. George's Ward, Mr. Robert Hill, who was nominated by the Tenants' Association, decided to withdraw.

In Pottinger Ward Mr. W. McConnell Witton, nominated as an Independent in opposition to Mr. W. J. Magowan, for twenty-two years a member of the Corporation, withdrew his candidature. Mr. Magowan was accordingly returned.

Contests will take place in Court Ward, where Mr. Malcolm Mercer (Unionist), who is the Vice-Chairman of the Museum and Arts Committee, has an opponent in Armond Wallace (Labour); in Dock, where the candidates are Mr. Samuel Gray (Unionist), a former member of the Corporation, and Mr. James Johnston (Labour); and in Shankhill, where Charles Brown (Unionist) is contesting the seat, which was held by Mr. Thomas Henderson, M.P. (Independent Unionist), the retiring Councillor.

BALLYMENA.

There were no withdrawals at Ballymena, where twenty-four candidates have been nominated for fifteen seats.

HOLYWOOD.

There will be no contest in Holywood. The retiring members, who were again nominated, are Messrs. F. Graham, J. Woods and F. Hamilton. Mr. F. G. Parvain was nominated to contest one of the seats, but withdrew yesterday, and the three retiring members were elected.

NEWTOWNARDS

There were no withdrawals yesterday in connection with the nominations for the municipal representation in Newtownards, consequently there will be a contest in Scrabo Ward, in which the retiring member, Mr. Isaac Baxter, will be opposed by Mr. Alex. Filson. In the other four wards the retiring Councillors were returned unopposed.

ARMAGH.

In Armagh City Hall last night Mr. James Lennon, Town Clerk, Returning Officer, received the following withdrawals:—

St. Patrick's or North Ward (Nationalist)—Messrs. John Cauldwell, James Hughes, Hugh McKenna, Robert McKenna, and Henry Sexton.

This necessitates an election in St. Patrick's Ward, there being seven candidates for six seats as follows:—Messrs. R. E. Copeland, F. J. Hughes, J. Johnston, P. J. McGarvey, George McKee, Joseph O'Hagan, and Joseph McKenna.

South Ward—Withdrawals are—Peter James Clarke, John Corrigan, senior, John Corrigan, junior; John Donaghy, John Hughes, Hugh J. Knipe, and Patrick McKenna.

One nomination for this ward, that of Patrick O'Callaghan, was declared invalid.

There will be no contest in the South Ward (Nationalist)). The candidates returned unopposed are:—Messrs. Francis Corvan, Thomas Gorman, M. J. Mullan, Thomas McLaughlin, James O'Neill, Seamus O'Reilly.

There were no withdrawals in St. Mark's or East Ward (Unionist), and the candidates returned are:—Messrs. T. J. Walker, J. F. Anderson, Joseph Ballard, Charles R. Carter, James Fanning, and Joseph Gray.

PORTADOWN.

In Portadown Messrs. Thomas Hewitt, Robert Courtney (senior), and George A. Hyde withdrew their nominations.

There will be contests in the North and South-East Wards.

In the South-West Ward the following candidates were returned unopposed:—Messrs. John Greenaway, A. L. Martin, Robert Wright, G. A. Locke, Alexander Orr, and Joseph Wright.

WARRENPOINT.

Messrs. McMahon, Fox, Corr, and McGuigan having withdrawn from the West Ward, there will be no contest.

NEWRY.

Mr. W. McAnulty (Nationalist) has withdrawn from the South Ward, and this obviates a contest.

The nomination papers of M. Connell (West Ward), M. Mackin, and J. Neary (South Ward, Labour members) have been declared invalid, but it is anticipated that they will be co-opted.

DERRY.

Two contests have been precipitated in connection with Derry municipal elections, one in Waterside Ward, for which Alderman Blair, who hitherto represented the Unionist interest on the Corporation, has been nominated in opposition to the official Unionist nominee, Sir Samuel Cochrane, and the other in the South Ward, where Mr. Frank Callaghan (Labour) is opposing the Nationalist candidates, T. J. Doherty and John Grant, who were nominated for two Councillorships last year.

Mr. Callaghan, a former member of the City Council, was opposed to Catholic nominees, but was defeated by a majority of 300.

OMAGH.

Mr. James J. Mullan (Nationalist, South Ward) yesterday withdrew from the contest, and Mr. F. P. Cassidy, a retiring member, who was not officially selected by the Nationalists, gets an unopposed return. There will be no contest in the South Ward.

SESKINORE HUNT BALL.

SOCIETY FUNCTION AT OMAGH.

The annual ball of the Seskinore Hunt Club, which was held in Omagh Courthouse on Tuesday night, was one of the most brilliant society functions held in County Tyrone for several years, and there were distinguished visitors from all parts of the North of Ireland. The decorative scheme was charming, and the Courthouse, which usually presents a somewhat uninviting appearance was transformed into a scene of radiance and beauty. The attendance included nearly all the members of the Seskinore Hunt Club, and large numbers of the Fermanagh, Strabane and Londonderry Hunt Clubs, while there were large contingents from Belfast, Dungannon and Armagh. Captain R. A. Chambers, M.C., J.P., and Mr. H. M. Mark were joint M.C.'s, and the music was provided by Ivory's Band, Belfast.

Among those present were:—Lieutenant-Colonel J. K. M'Clintock, C.B.E., D.L. (Master of the Seskinore Harriers), and party from Seskinore; Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Dobbs, D.S.O., and Miss Dobbs; Major C. M. H. Wright, D.S.O., M.C.; Major W. Stewart, M.C., and party; Major P. B. Fleming, Mrs. Auckenleck, Crevenagh, and party; Mr. H. E. Olphert and the Misses Olphert, Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Smith, Miss Moriarty, Dr. James Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCoy, Mr. T. A. Moody, Mr. J. Sproule, Mrs. J. B. Buchanan (Edenfel) and the Misses Buchanan, Mr. W. E. Orr, Captain and Mrs. W. M. Scott and party, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Miss O'Shiel, Mr. R. B. Holmes, Captain J. Dickie, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dickie, Miss McClintock and Mrs. J. Willis, Major and Mrs. Ronald Ross, Mr. W. K. Ellis, Dr. and Mrs. McAllister, Mr. Taylor, V.S., Enniskillen (Deputy Master of the Fermanagh Harriers); Mr. and Mrs. Peebles, Clogher; Captain Miller, Londonderry; Mr. W. Shannon, Londonderry; Dr. and Mrs. Leary, Castlederg; Dr. L. Lyle, Newtownstewart; Miss Norman, Mr. H. Chambre, Mr. and Mrs. Crossle, Mrs. Archdale, Irvinestown; Captain Weir, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. R. C. Smythe, Mr. Bigger and party, Londonderry; Dr. and Mrs. Warrington; Captain and Mrs. B. Williams, Castlederg; the Misses Campbell, Mr. V. H. Murnaghan, Major J. K. Gorman, M.C.; Major C. A. M. Alexander and party; Mr. Marshall, Mr. H. Miller, Newtownstewart, and party; Captain Wadden, Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow, Mr. A. Snodgrass and party.

THE NORTHERN REVENUE.

EXPECTATION OF SURPLUS.

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND DEFICIT.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BELFAST, Wednesday.

THE Northern Ireland Exchequer Returns for the nine months ending December 31st, 1931, which have just been published, show a total revenue for the period (reserved, transferred and non-tax) of £6,007,501, and a total expenditure on supply and Consolidated Fund services of £6,573,910. This represents a deficit for the nine months of £566,609. Such a deficit at this period of the year, however, causes no anxiety, as the revenue for the final quarter, which is always the "fat" quarter of the year, has yet to be received, and, this year, it will include three-quarters of the total income tax levied for 1932-3.

At the end of the financial year, March 31st next, it is expected that there will be a surplus of revenue over expenditure in Northern Ireland, and, that this, as in former years, will supply a substantial Imperial contribution. Even now, if "other receipts," on the one hand, and "other issues," on the other, are taken into account, there was a balance in the Northern Exchequer on December 31st last of £40,251.

EXTENT OF SURPLUS.

The exact surplus which will be available at the end of the financial year will depend largely on the deficit in the Unemployment Fund. In view of the decision, both in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as the result of the Economy Bills, to cease borrowing for the Unemployment Funds, and to meet any deficit out of revenue, this matter becomes one of great importance to the annual revenue and to the expected balance. The Unemployment Fund is made up of contributions from employers and employed, and the statutory State grants, and from this fund is paid out to the unemployed the weekly benefits described familiarly as "the dole." Owing to the trade depression and the excess of unemployment, this fund was unable to meet the weekly demands upon it, and money had to be borrowed to meet the liabilities upon the fund for the "dole" payments.

In Great Britain the fund was running into debt at the rate of £100,000,000 per annum. In Northern Ireland, up to 1925, a debt of nearly 3½ million pounds was piled up, and this now is being liquidated under the Reinsurance Agreement with Great Britain at the rate of £100,000 per annum. It will not be completely liquidated under the present plan for another 27 years. Since 1925 it was necessary to continue to borrow for the Unemployment Fund, and this additional debt, which was met by further borrowing, now amounts to nearly 1½ million sterling.

INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS.

At the time when it was decided to cease borrowing and meet the weekly deficits from revenue, it was also decided to increase the contributions of employers and employed to the fund, in the hope that the weekly deficits would be either eliminated completely or very considerably reduced. In other words, the Unemployment Fund would balance and become self-supporting, without the additional State assistance.

In Great Britain this position apparently has been reached, owing to the drop in unemployment, and the increased contributions. No figures are yet available regarding the position in Northern Ireland, and businessmen would like to know what is the present weekly deficit on the Unemployment Fund in Northern Ireland?; how much has it been reduced since the increased contributions of workers and employed were introduced; and when is the Fund likely to balance itself and not only become self-supporting, but begin to pay off the deficit?

FUND'S GROWING DEFICIT.

Owing to the great increase of unemployment in Great Britain early last year the proportion of the contribution to the Northern Ireland Unemployment Fund, under the Reinsurance Agreement with Great Britain, payable by Northern Ireland, increased enormously, and the amount added to the general deficit was the largest since 1925. The total deficit on the Northern Ireland Unemployment Fund for the past year, according to a reply given to a Labour Member in the Northern Senate, was provisionally estimated at £1,709,000.

Under the Re-insurance Agreement, Northern Ireland revenue is to meet £368,609 of the amount, and Great Britain £534,855, and the balance of £805,537 was borrowed and added to the general deficit, making the total deficit, which has accumulated since 1925, £1,686,021. It will be seen that almost half of this total deficit was accumulated last year. The amount added to the general deficit in the previous year was the comparatively small sum of £66,921.

POSITION CHANGED.

It is quite evident that the Northern Ireland revenue could not continue to bear such a burden, but the position has been completely changed by the increase in contributions and the reduction in unemployment both here and in Great Britain. A comprehensive statement, however, by the Minister of Labour or some other responsible person as to the exact position of the present demands on the Unemployment Fund would be welcomed.

Suggestions are being made in Belfast that Northern Ireland should arrange a fixed contribution for Imperial services to the British Exchequer, and run its own social services—Unemployment Fund, widows' and orphans' pensions, etc.—on a scale which it could afford, but this argument is not likely to meet with approval either in official quarters or among the electors generally. What the majority of the people apparently desire is that Northern Ireland should continue as a part of the British fiscal union, with equality of benefits for equality of sacrifices, in accordance with the plan set forth in the financial scheme when the Northern Parliament was established.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS.

At the last Exam. 9 Appointments were gained by ROSSE COLLEGE, Stephen's Green, Dublin. Classes now working.—(Advt.)

WORKING OF THE IRISH LAND ACTS.

300,000 HOLDINGS VESTED IN OCCUPIERS IN 50 YEARS.

LAND COMMISSION ACTIVITY IN THE GAELTACHT.

THE report of the Irish Land Commissioners for the year ended March 31st, 1931, which has been presented by the Oireachtas, was issued for publication yesterday. It contains a summary of land purchase legislation to date under all the Land Acts, and shows that in a period of fifty years over 300,000 holdings, occupied by tenants who previously had no fixity of tenure, have been vested in the tenants, subject to terminable half-yearly payments, representing in almost all cases a substantial reduction in the amounts payable as rent to the landlords.

IMPROVING THE GAELTACHT.

The report states that the Land Commission are continuing their policy of making every effort within the scope and powers of the Land Acts to improve conditions in the Gaeltacht area, and a sum of approximately £35,000 was expended on improvement works during the year in the five counties of the Gaeltacht—Donegal, Galway, Mayo, Clare and Kerry.

From the time of the transfer of the Land Commission on March 31st, 1923, up to March 31st, 1931, a total sum of £737,000 was expended by the Commission on improvement works in the counties mentioned. Further sums have been sanctioned, and will be expended on the sale of estates and division of untenanted land. In addition, a total sum of £239,000 has been expended by the Land Commission in the Gaeltacht area on special improvement works, making a total expenditure since 1923 of £976,000.

The total amount of untenanted land allotted by the Land Commission in the Gaeltacht since 1923 is 233,000 acres, and during the same period an area of 920,000 acres has been vested in 27,000 tenant purchasers at a total cost of £4,470,000.

Special experiments are being carried out by the Land Commission in regard to the reclamation of tracts of moory, waste lands in the Gaeltacht in order to make them fit for agriculture.

SALES UNDER 1903-9 ACTS.

Dealing with the principal features of land purchase operations, the report sets out particulars of the completion of proceedings under the Land Acts, 1903-9, both as regards direct sales between landlord and tenant through the Land Commission (representing a total purchase price of £64,679,955 in respect of 170,998 holdings, comprising 6,136,360 acres) and as regards the purchase of estates by the Land Commission (Estates Commissioners) for the purpose of improvement and subsequent re-sale to the tenants, representing a total purchase price of £9,311,163 in respect of 1,176 estates, comprising 29,050 holdings and 1,006,815 acres.

In addition, 890 estates were purchased by the late Congested Districts Board (now incorporated in the Land Commission), comprising 2,264,425 acres, representing 66,500 holdings, for a total purchase price of £8,956,021.

Of the total of these purchase proceedings under the Land Acts, 1903-9, advances representing a total purchase price of £3,921,519 in respect of 15,666 holdings, comprising 487,262 acres, have been made since the transfer of the Land Commission to the native Government on the 31st March, 1923.

RE-SALE OF ESTATES.

As regards the re-sale of estates purchased by the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board, a total of 2,353,391 acres has been vested on re-sale by the Land Commission in 60,756 tenant purchasers for a total re-sale price of £17,202,555 up to the 31st March, 1931 (of which 76,176 acres, representing 3,212 purchasers and a re-sale price of £428,988, were vested during the year ended the 31st March, last). In addition, the report mentions that up to the present date some 20,000 congested districts holdings have been published in lists under Section 23 of the Land Act, 1931, and put on an annuity basis as from the 1st November last.

A total area of 910,337 acres of untenanted land has been divided on estates acquired by the Estates Commissioners and the Congested Districts Board, of which 160,054 acres have been divided by the Land Commission since 1923, apart from the division of land under the Land Acts, 1923-9.

LAND ACTS, 1923-9.

Proceedings under the Land Acts 1923-29 are also dealt with in the report. 578,210 acres of tenanted land, comprising 15,971 holdings, have been vested in the Land Commission up to the 31st March, 1931 (of which 145,925 acres, comprising 4,625 holdings, were vested during the year ended 31st March last), but it is pointed out that this total has been enormously increased within the past half year under the operations of the Land Act, 1931, by which nearly 20,000 holdings have been vested in the Land Commission and the tenants put upon an annuity basis—the great majority as from the 1st May last.

As regards the acquisition and division of untenanted land under the Land Acts 1923-29, up to 31st March, 1931, the total of 367,898 acres (apart from 10,938 acres acquired by exchange), on 970 estates, has been acquired by the Land Commission for a total price of £4,274,2'0, of which 38,579 acres were acquired during the year ended the 31st March, 1931. Of the total area acquired under the Land Acts 1923-29, 296,856 acres have been divided (among 14,900 allottees), of which 63,376 acres were divided among 2,639 allottees during the year ended the 31st March, 1931. A table is given showing by counties the total area divided since 1923 both on estates acquired under the Land Acts of 1909-09 and the Acts of 1923-29, amounting to 473,659 acres.

The total of 5,453 evicted tenants have been reinstated in their old holdings or provided with new holdings by the Land Commission (involving an expenditure on their resettlement of £268,655), of which 145 were provided for since the 31st March, 1923, with an expenditure of £13,068.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

THE PAYMENT OF LAND ANNUITIES.

With regard to expenditure on improvement works in the period from the 31st March, 1923, to the 31st March, 1931, the Land Commission expended on the improvement of estates, etc., a total of £1,547,123, of which £515,240 was in respect of buildings, including the construction and renovation of dwellinghouses. The amount expended on estate improvements during the year ended the 31st March last was £183,054.

In addition to the normal expenditure on the improvement of estates, the Land Commission have expended since 1924 sums amounting to £426,682 on special improvement works for the relief of unemployment and distress from funds allocated to them for expenditure out of the vote for this purpose, of which £45,777 was expended up to the 31st March last out of the Relief Vote of November, 1930.

The total amount of purchase moneys and other disbursements under the various Land Acts distributed by the Judical Commissioner of the Land Commission during the period from the 1st April, 1923, to the 31st March, 1931, was £14,385,611, of which £1,761,153 was distributed during the year ended the 31st March, 1931.

COLLECTION OF ANNUITIES.

The total amount of the annuities in respect of advances under all the Land Purchase Acts since 1881 which accrued due within the year ended 31st March, 1931, was £3,341,303, which, with an arrear of £783,929 due at 31st March, 1930, made the total amount collectible £3,725,232, payable by 306,781 payers. Of this sum, £3,309,105 had been paid by 31st March, 1931, leaving an arrear of £416,126 then due. At the 31st July, 1931, this arrear had been reduced to £299,446 (as against an arrear of £272,848 at the 31st July, 1930, on a collectible total of £5,680,614), showing that the payment of annuities by tenant purchasers is well maintained, despite depressed agricultural conditions.

The amount of arrear in respect of payment in lieu of rent under the Land Acts, 1923-29, at the 31st January, 1931, was £199,647, on a collectible basis of £765,759 (as against an arrear of £201,729 on the 31st January, 1930).

CHURCH TEMPORALITIES.

The section dealing with tithe rent charges in this year's report explains clearly the origin, history and destination of these charges, and points out that the income now payable to the Land Commission derived from tithe rent charges and other sources is not payable to any Church, the heading "Church Temporalities" simply denoting the source from which the fund arose, and not its destination. This is important, in view of some public misapprehension on this question.

The present income of the Church Temporalities Fund is largely barely sufficient to meet the remaining statutory payments charged upon it for public, educational and agricultural purposes, amounting to £117,848.

LAND PURCHASE ADVANCES.

A general summary is given at the end of the report showing the total advances made for the purchase of land under the respective Land Acts from 1870 to 1929 in the Free State area, amounting to a total price of £111,120,175, in respect of an area of 12,241,991 acres, comprising 336,489 holdings.

DEATH OF A FRENCH MINISTER.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Thursday.

M. Maginot, Minister of War, died at two o'clock this morning.

M. Andre Maginot, whose death at the early age of fifty-four will be keenly felt throughout France and not least by his co-Lorrainer, M. Poincaré, of whom he was the intimate friend and right-hand man, has held many important offices since he first became Secretary of State for War in M. Doumergue's Cabinet in 1913.

BANK OF IRELAND CLERKSHIPS.

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BRITISH LEGION BAL MASQUE.

SOME ORIGINAL COSTUMES.

The Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, was not filled at the British Legion bal masqué last night, but gaiety and good fellowship atoned for a decrease in numbers from the previous year. There were some original costumes, and several ladies wore various types of male costume. Two of the most striking of these were the Grenadier costume, with busby, worn by Miss Keys, and the fantastic and becoming attire of Miss E. Tutty, who was dressed in a green blouse and trousers, with a tall dark green spangled hat, dark green mask and gauntlets. She carried two dull silver revolvers. Fixed to her back was a placard—"Legs Diamond Returned."

Mrs. Kennedy was a sophisticated Lido lady in flowered pyjamas and jumper, and her partner was a well-contrived Mephistopheles. Miss Moira Winder came in one of the most attractive period frocks of the evening. She wore an early Victorian rose and blue taffeta gown, with a lace collar fastened with rosebuds. Blue ruching set off her pink skirt, and beneath white lace pantalettes appeared. Rosebuds kept her long curls in place, and her bag and mittens matched her frock. Her partner, Mr. P. Ardagh, came as a Mexican. Mrs. Wauchope and Miss Mildred Murphy came with Captain W. R. Carson, M.C., and Mr Charles Morewood. Mrs. Wauchope was dressed as a French Art student and Miss Mildred Murphy wore French Court costume.

Miss Cavanagh and Miss Coats came as gipsies, Mr. S. H. Ivimey as the Student Prince, and Dr. Harbison as a bandit. Mr. G. A. Watson brought Mrs. Watson, who was an effective Egyptian lady, and Captain Malcomson accompanied Mrs. Malcomson, who wore a vivid black and red Spanish gipsy's costume. Miss Daisy Roche seemed very much at home in her demure Victorian "Alice Blue" gown and large hat.

IN BLACK.

Among those who wore black evening frocks were: Miss Jean Malcolm, Miss E. Connell and Mrs. N. F. North. Miss Malcolm's frock was of black satin, with diamond clasp, and was in simple and excellent style. Mrs. N. F. North wore a black dress, ornamented with red. Miss Mary Grace was dressed in a pale rose net and lace frock, with a delicately fashioned cape, and her shoes of dark rose made a pleasant contrast. Mrs. H. Connell's vivid crimson satin frock looked well with her dark hair, and Mrs. H. C. Blee, who came with her husband, wore one of the few green dresses of the evening. Miss Alice Weir wore a velvet dress, also of green.

Mrs. Teadevin wore flesh-coloured chiffon, Miss A. Gallagher green lace, and Miss E. Kane white satin. Miss C. Cooke also wore white. Her frock was of becoming satin beaute, with pearl embroidery. Mrs. Louis Beatty, who was accompanied by her husband, wore purple satin, with an Oriental coatee.

During the evening Paul Jones, at various intervals, helped to make variety from the ordinary dances. Miss MacNie and Mr. George Atkinson, A.R.A., judged the prizes, a little after eleven o'clock.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Among those present were:—Major Tynan, D.S.O.; Captain Connolly, Captain and Mrs. C. M. Woods, Dr. Ashe, General Sir George Melley Franks, Captain Moorhead, Sir Robert Tate, Captain P. J. Lyne, Captain Ruddock, Miss Morris, Miss Norah Fitzpatrick, Miss Hodges, Miss A. Gallagher, Mr. J. Blundell, Captain Eason, Mr. Edmond Kelly, Major Medlicott, Mrs. Tosdevin, Miss E. Kane, Miss M. O'Reilly, Miss L. Cooke, L.D.S.; Captain W. R. Carson, M.C.; Miss Mildred Murphy, Mrs. Wauchope, Miss Cavanagh, Miss Coats, Mr. Desmond Goodbody, Clare; Mr. Gordon Goodbody, Howth; Mrs. H. Connell, Miss Daisy Roche, Major and Mrs. H. V. Mellon, Miss Alice Weir, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beatty, Captain and Mrs. Malcomson, Mrs. E. Connell, Captain S. V. Butler, Captain Caldwell, M.C.; Major Crozier, Miss Keys, Mrs. P. Connor, Miss M. Veale, Dr. Harbison, Mr. J. Rodie Walker, Miss Rosemary Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Mulally, Captain Sugrue, M.C.; Captain Balvin, Captain and Mrs. H. C. Blee, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Watson, Mr. D. J. Morray, Captain St. John Harper, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. T. V. Lalor, Mr. Parmentier, Mr. Dillon Malone, Mr. Franklin, Mr. G. F. North, Miss Garland, Mr. J. Gibson, Miss Moira Winder, Miss May Grace, Mr. Jack Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Best, Capt. and Miss Harper, Mr. J. Doyle, Captain Barclay, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Trimey.

THE KILDARE HUNT.

DANCE AT STRAFFAN HOUSE.

The Kildare Hunt, better known as the "Killing Kildares," held their annual dance in Straffan House, Straffan, Co. Kildare, last night. As usual, the function attracted a very large and distinguished gathering, and the night proved most enjoyable.

There were over two hundred people present, and dancing was continued from 10 o'clock last night until the early hours of this morning. The music was supplied by Corny Ryan's band.

Amongst those present and who brought large parties were:—

Sir Francis Brooke, M.F.H., and Lady Brooke; Major Mitchell, M.F.H., and Mrs. Mitchell; Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Lady Gormanston, Captain Hubert de Burgh, Mr. J. B. Barton, Lieutenant Barton, the Earl and Countess of Meath, Mr. and Mrs. Wardell, Miss Orme, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brooke, Major Connolly, Mr. N. W. Waddington, Mr. and Mrs. Boylan, Captain G. Barker.

The Earl and Countess of Iveagh, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dease, Baron de Robeck, Miss Hamilton, Lieutenant-Colonel Bramston Newman, Mr. A. G. Dalgety, Mr. J. J. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lennon, Miss Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Popoff, Mr. F. Percy Langan, Mr. G. Shackleton, Mr. G. Smithwick, Mr. and Mrs. Parr, Major North Bomford, Miss Nobie Johnson, Major and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. C. J. La Touche, Dr. R. Corbett and Mr. M. P. Kennedy.

The catering was by Mrs. Lawlor, Naas.

DRAMATIST NOW A PORTER.

TWO GUINEAS A WEEK JOB.

DUBLIN BOARD OF ASSISTANCE.

MR. DANIEL GIBBONS, the ex-Service man dramatist, who wrote "After All That," a play which attracted great attention when it was presented at the Abbey Theatre recently, was, at a meeting of the Dublin Board of Assistance yesterday, appointed porter of Drumcondra Dispensary. Mr. Gibbons had for many years been out of employment, and during the time when he was not seeking work he devoted his spare moments to his new play.

It will be recalled that during the production of the play the Lord Mayor, Alderman Alfred Byrne, made an appeal on behalf of Gibbons. The new position carries a weekly salary of £2 2s.

The Rev. W. Kimberley was elected Warden of the Rathmines District.

OUTDOOR RELIEF.

The Relieving Officers' weekly report stated that last week 7,216 persons received outdoor relief at a cost of £3,943 9s. 6d., a decrease on the figures for the same period last year, and on the figures of the previous week. The decrease in the relief figures was due to the amount of temporary work given by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, and the Corporation during the Christmas period.

Dr. W. C. Dwyer announced that the management of the Olympia and Gaiety Theatres had invited the children of the Union to performances of their pantomimes, the Olympia on Saturday next, and the Gaiety on Monday.

A vote of thanks to the management for their kindness was passed.

REFLECTION ON A MEMBER.

The Ministry for Local Government and Public Health wrote, asking what action had been taken with regard to a previous communication from them with reference to the report of Mr. Delany, Local Government Inspector, that on July 13th he visited the institution when Mr. Healy, the Supervisor, was receiving reports from the Relieving Officers. Councillor Medlar then came, and spoke to Mr. Healy, and passed him notes, making recommendations in individual cases, an action which was contrary to the law and regulations. Apart from that the course taken by Mr. Medlar must create difficulties for the supervisors. If he desired to make recommendations he should make them at the meetings of the Board.

The Chairman, Mrs. Kettle, said that the consideration of the letter had been postponed at the time it was received, as many of the members were on holidays.

Senator L. O'Neill said that the Ministry's letter was undoubtedly a reflection on a member of the Board, and he thought that Councillor Medlar should be invited to reply to the inspector's report.

The suggestion was agreed to, Councillor Medlar stating that he had his reply ready, and the Ministry would not come well out of it.

DANCE IN AID OF HOSPITAL.

SUCCESSFUL BELFAST FUNCTION.

For many years the Children's Hospital in Queen street, Belfast, has done excellent work, but it has long been recognised that its building and equipment are out of date. A new site has been purchased, and soon, it is hoped, in this new building will be carried on the work. The new hospital adjoins the Royal Victoria Hospital and the new Belfast Maternity Hospital, and its duties will be carried out in close conjunction, with all medical and surgical improvements.

The Junior Committee of the Children's Hospital was formed three years ago. Its members are anxious to endow a cot to be called after them. For this purpose they held a dance in the new building last evening.

Miss Gwendoline Robinson, President of the Branch, carried out the duties of dance secretary, and others assisting her on the committee were:—Mrs. Herdman, Miss Jean Gordon, Mrs. Terence McConnell, Miss Inez Robinson, Miss Dorothy Craig, Mrs. Ronald Cunningham, Miss Doreen Morrison, Miss Isobel Mackie, and Mrs. Doxford.

Miss Robinson came, with her mother, Mrs. E. A. Robinson, whose black panne velvet gown was worn with a matching coatee trimmed with black fur. Miss Robinson wore a white charmeuse satin gown, cut on straight lines, and she carried a sunburnt ostrich fan. Her sister, Miss Inez Robinson, wore a white satin frock, embroidered with turquoise blue beaded trimming.

Lady O'Neill's pale carmel satin gown was made with a train. Lady Bangor, in a black sequin frock, came with her daughter, the Hon. Mary Ward, who wore a pale lemon georgette frock, with a tomato brocaded coatee. Commander Oscar Henderson, who is private secretary to the Duke of Abercorn, came with Mrs. Henderson, who wore a Lido blue frock. Mr. J. C. Robb, K.C., M.P., was accompanied by Mrs. Robb, who was in black, and Miss K. Robb, who wore a pale green satin dress. Captain Maynard Sinclair brought Mrs. Sinclair, who was in blue satin. Mrs. George Clark was in a green chiffon gown, and brought a party with her.

Mrs. Doxford wore a pink chiffon dress, with a pink tucked bodice and pleat skirt. Miss Doreen Morrison wore a frock of painted tulle in pastel colouring. Mrs. Drummond Kirkpatrick, well-known in hunting circles, came in an emerald green georgette and lace gown. Mrs. J. D. Barbour's dress was of white satin with crystal trimming. Mrs. McNeile McCormack wore a brown velvet cape with her red lace frock. Major Terence Duffin accompanied Mrs. Duffin, whose black lace frock was worn with a matching coatee. Mrs. Malcolm Gordon chose a black satin gown. Her daughter, Miss Jean Gordon, was in a green chiffon frock. Mrs. Lucien Memminger, wife of the American Consul, had a white georgette dress, embroidered in silver. Mrs. Ian Fraser's georgette frock shaded from cream to flame, and was worn with a little frilled shoulder cape. She was accompanied by Mr. Ian Fraser, F.F.C.S. Mrs. T. D. Paul Dunmurry wore tomato-coloured georgette gown, embroidered on the corsage with steel paitelles, and worn with a short velvet coat in the same colour.

EX-T.D.'S CONTEMPT OF COURT.

A SENTENCE OF THREE MONTHS.

DATE OF EDITOR'S TRIAL FIXED.

WHEN Frank Ryan, the editor of the suppressed weekly paper, *Phoblacht*, was brought before a Free State Military Tribunal recently charged with seditious libel, he gave his answers entirely in the Irish language. A military officer, an Irish speaker, acted as interpreter, and translated the prisoner's remarks and answers to the Tribunal.

Mr. Ryan, who resides at 9 Elm Park, Raneiagh, was charged (1) that on the 15th November last he wrote and published seditious libel concerning the Constitution (Special Powers) Tribunal, and tended to bring the administration of justice and the Constitution into disrepute; (2) that on the 8th November he was a member of Oghlaigh na hEireann, an unlawful association; (3) that he refused while in lawful detention on suspicion to give information as to his possession as to whether he had in possession or under his control arms, ammunition or documents emanating from unlawful associations; and (4) that he refused to give information in his possession regarding his association (if any) with the Irish Republican Army, Saor Eire and the Workers' Revolutionary Party, three unlawful associations.

CHARGES REPEATED IN IRISH.

The Registrar read out the first charge in the English language, and Mr. Ryan, when asked how he pleaded, replied in Irish that he did not understand what had been said to him.

The charge was again read to him, and again replying in Irish, he repeated that he did not understand, and added that he was rather deaf. He asked that the charges should be read to him in the Gaelic tongue.

The Registrar then went to the side of the dock, where again he read the first charge, but the accused repeated in Gaelic that he wanted the charges read in Gaelic.

Lieutenant McEiver, an Irish-speaking officer, was sworn as interpreter. He read the charges in the Gaelic tongue, and informed the Court that Ryan had said that he did not wish to plead either way until he got advice from his legal advisers.

The Tribunal President said that Ryan could not plead at all, as the Tribunal was sitting to fix the date of his trial.

Lieutenant McEiver and Ryan then held further conversation in Gaelic, in which the President's statement was conveyed to Ryan.

DATE OF THE TRIAL.

Mr. Donagh O'Donoyan, the solicitor for the police authorities, asked that Ryan's trial be fixed for the 13th January, if that date was suitable to the accused and gave him time enough to prepare his defence.

Mr. Ryan, speaking in Irish, said that he did not mind being tried on the 13th if he were given a copy of the charges set against him.

He was handed a certified copy of the charges and taken from the court by two military policemen. His trial will take place on the 13th January.

REFUSAL TO PLEAD.

SENTENCE ON AN EX-T.D.

The Tribunal passed a sentence of three months' imprisonment on a prisoner for contempt of court. He was Sean O'Farrell, Dromod, County Leitrim, a man who had been elected to membership of the Dail, but refused to take his seat at the time when Fianna Fail, led by Mr. de Valera, agreed to enter the Dail.

He was charged (1) with membership of the Irish Republican Army, an illegal organisation, on the 5th December last; (2) with refusing to give an account of his movements when in lawful detention on suspicion at Mohill, County Leitrim, on the 5th December; (3) with refusing to give information in his possession on the same date.

O'Farrell, when charged, replied: "Oh, I won't plead at all."

President—Are you aware that your attitude can be construed as contempt of court?

O'Farrell replied—"I am quite aware of it, but I can't help it."

He was thereupon sentenced to three months for contempt, and at the expiration of that period he will be brought forward on the original charges.

A CHANGE OF MIND.

PRISONER AGREES TO GIVE AN UNDERTAKING.

William Cusack, of Gardiner street, Dublin, who last week was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on charges to which he pleaded guilty, but refused to give an undertaking to keep the peace, was brought before the Tribunal.

The President read a letter written by Cusack when in prison declaring that he was now prepared to give an undertaking to sever his connection with illegal organisations. Cusack wrote that he did not understand the meaning of the undertaking, and really thought that he had been remanded instead of being sentenced to six months. He asked for leniency, as he was now willing to subscribe to the undertaking.

Mr. O'Donovan, solicitor for the police, said that the attitude of the police in these cases was that they did not want to press the charges against these young men. The police believed that they were led into these unlawful associations through their own thoughtlessness and extreme youth, and they wished to give them every chance if they gave undertakings to sever their connection with illegal bodies and be of good behaviour.

There was one previous conviction against Cusack, said Mr. O'Donovan, but they were willing to let him out on giving the undertaking.

The President said that they had no power to alter their decision to impose six months' imprisonment given last week, but they were prepared to make recommendations to the Executive Council in the matter.

Cusack had been charged with eight other men with refusing to give his name and address and other information to the police after a police visit to a dance hall in Harcourt wicke street, Dublin, when fourteen men were arrested.

The Tribunal adjourned until 13th January.

BRITISH FISCAL POLICY.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S STATEMENT.

Speaking to representatives of the Foreign Press in London yesterday, Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, said that he would like it to be made quite plain that the very stringent action that the new Government had to take lately to maintain our own currency and to correct the balance of trade was emergency action to meet an emergency situation. They had not the smallest desire to inflict injury or inconvenience which could be avoided upon anybody.

It would be a great mistake, he added, to suppose that these very firm, and in some respects very severe, measures were in themselves part and parcel of a deliberate fiscal policy. "I have the best reasons for knowing that it is not so, because the fiscal policy which this country is going to adopt is a matter for future consideration and decision."

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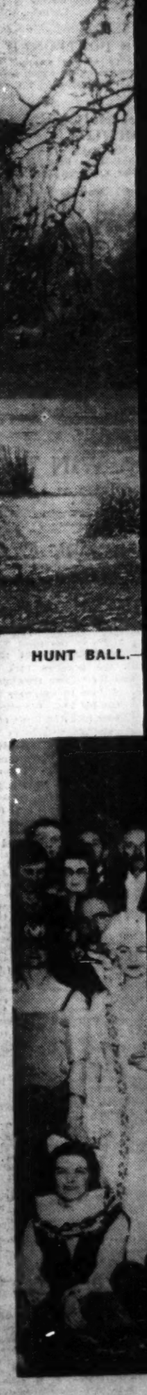

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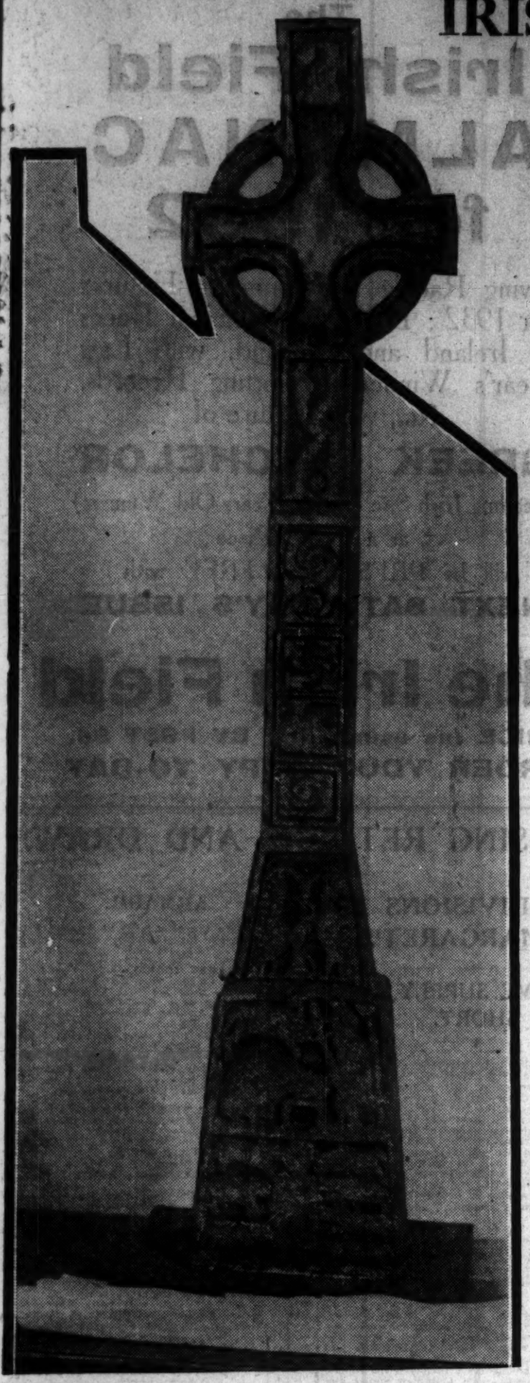
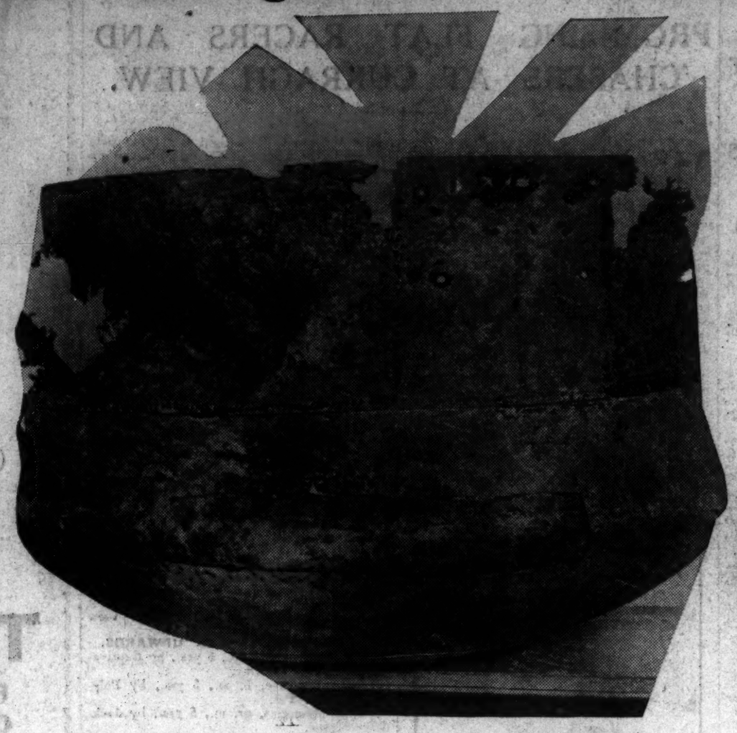
HUNT BALL.

IRISH ANTIQUITIES : BAL MASQUE



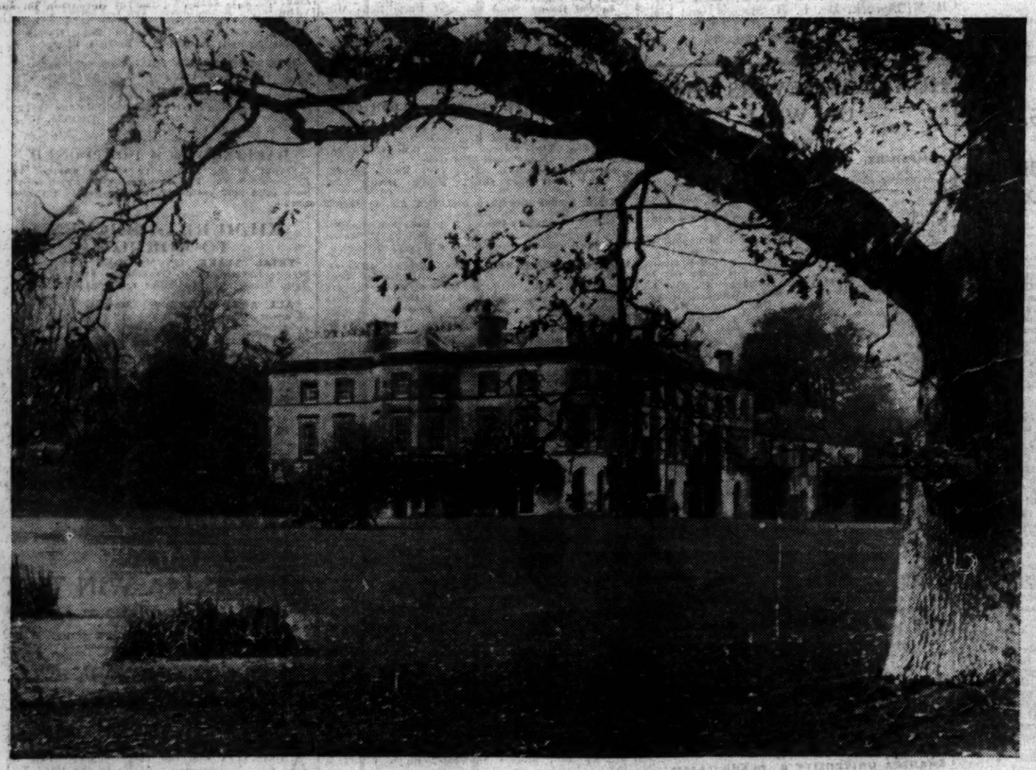
ANCIENT CROSS.—The High Cross of Moone Abbey, Co. Kildare, with Biblical and historical panels. Professor Kingsley Porter's work, "The Crosses and Culture of Ireland," has again brought the problem of the date of this cross into the field of controversy.



FOUND IN A BOG.—A capacious Celtic cauldron found in a bog at Daghloonagh, Co. Sligo. It is made of bronze, hammered extremely fine, with minute riveting. Similar cauldrons are known already in Ireland.

Miss Renee Boyd, representing "Irish gardens" at the Children's Carnival in Waterford Town Hall on Tuesday, in aid of the Waterford Hunt Fund.

"THE THREE KINGS."—A children's play, presented by the deaf and dumb boys of St. Joseph's, Cabra, Dublin.



HUNT BALL.—Montalto, Co. Down, the residence of the Countess of Clanwilliam, where the County Down Staghounds Hunt Ball will be held to-morrow.

ALL OUT.—Miss M. Mulcahy riding "all out" in a run with the Clonmel Harriers, near Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.

BAL MASQUE.—Some of the dancers at the British Legion Bal Masqué, held in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last night.

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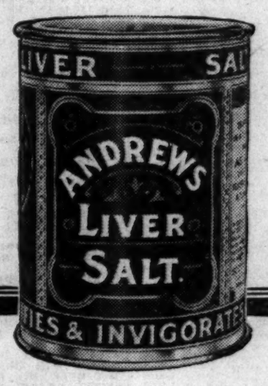

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BEER, SPIRITS AND WINES.

TAXATION IN THE IRISH FREE STATE.

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

SOMEONE has stated that a nation's drink bill is a sort of financial barometer, which rises in the days of prosperity and falls in times of financial depression. Be that is it may, one thing is certain, that the revenue collected in the Irish Free State under the heads of beer duties, spirit duties, and wine duties has dropped considerably in recent years.

BEER.

"Beer," which includes for revenue purposes stout, porter and ale, still continues to be the Free State's favourite tipple. But the consumption per head, which in 1923-24 amounted to 13.4 gallons, fell in the year 1930-31 to 9.9 gallons.

The number of standard barrels (36 gallons) on which duty was paid during the eight years 1923-1931 are:—

Year.	Barrels.
1923-24	1,128,085
1924-25	848,286
1925-26	694,040
1926-27	718,325
1927-28	695,608
1928-29	742,519 (a)
1929-30	683,000 (b)
1930-31	647,000 (b)

(a) Owing to period of brewers' credit being reduced from three to two months, the quantity on which duty was paid in this year represents thirteen months' brew.

(b) Estimated.

During the year 1923-24 the amount of duty paid on home-made beer came to £5,640,416. Last year (1930-31) the duty paid, the rate remaining unchanged, reached £3,216,650.

But while the consumption of home-made beer has dropped 43 per cent., there is little change to record in imported beer. The imports in 1923-24 were exceptionally low, but since they have fluctuated between 42,000 and 45,000 barrels annually. The Customs duty paid on this beverage last year amounted to £211,002.

SPIRITS.

During the period under review the consumption of home-made spirits (on which duty was paid) has dropped from .29 gallon per head in 1923-24 to .21 gallon per head for 1930-31. For the eight years last past the duty paid proof gallons of home-made spirits were:—

Year.	Proof Gallons.
1923-24	884,179
1924-25	751,867
1925-26	656,887
1926-27	663,469
1927-28	642,361
1928-29	663,770
1929-30	635,000 (a)
1930-31	609,000 (a)

(a) Estimated.

The amount of duty levied on home-made spirits reached £3,184,143 in 1923-24, but decreased in 1930-31 to £2,177,677.

Curiously enough, imported spirits show a similar decrease. In 1923-24 Customs duty amounting to £849,026 was paid on 236,074 gallons. Last year the duty amounted to £625,301 on 175,000 (estimated) gallons, which works out at .06 gallon per head. In 1921-22 the consumption per head of home-made spirits in Ireland was .30 gallon, and of imported spirits .06 gallon. In Northern Ireland the consumption per head in 1929-30 was .16 gallon and .07 gallon, respectively.

WINES.

The Free State's consumption of imported wines shows a big decrease. In 1923-24 Customs duty was paid on 857,946 gallons and totalled £221,132. Three years after the quantity imported had decreased to 606,240 gallons, but the total duty levied came to £240,053. In the year 1928-29 the wine duties levied on 566,045 gallons brought in £258,795. Last year the total levied amounted to £224,657. During the financial year 1926-27 the duty was doubled on certain wines.

The Excise and Customs duties levied on beer, spirits and wine for 1923-24 reached £10,062,698, and for 1930-31 the amount collected was £6,455,287. For the eight years ended March 31st last the beer, spirits and wine duties have contributed over fifty-nine and a half millions towards the revenues of the Irish Free State.

A public meeting was held in Cahir to protest against the price of 7s. 2d. per unit which was charged for electricity. A committee was formed to take up the matter with the Board.

WILL OF FORMER CORK RESIDENT.

AN ESTATE OF £72,000.

Mr. Edmund Henry Robert Burke, M.A., of 219 Oakwood Court, Kensington, formerly of Lota Park, County Cork, who died on 7th November last, only son of the late Henry R. Burke, of Lota Park, County Cork, left estate of the gross value of £72,253 5s. 2d., with net personalty £63,711 1s. 2d. Probate of his will, dated 2nd July, 1930, with a codicil of May 6th last, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Bernardine Burke, of the same address, the sole executrix. He left £500 to the Superior Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 66 Victoria street, London; £100 to the Kensington Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; £125 to the Rev. George Bishop, or his successor at the Church of Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, for Masses for the repose of his soul; £5,000 and his gold watch to his nephew, Antony Roche; £1,000 to his mother; £1,000 to his sister, Mary Gladys Roche, and £500 to each of her children; £500 to his brother-in-law, Captain Robert Roche; £100 to his great-aunt, Helena Cronin; £100 to his uncle, Arthur Edward Cronin; and the residue of the property to his wife, Mrs. Bernardine Burke, absolutely.

Mr. Robert Sloan, of 33 Hillsborough Drive, Belfast, retired farmer, who died on 8th November last, intestate, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland valued at £1,313 6s. 9d. Letters of administration of the property have been granted to his sister, Mrs. Margaret Johnston, of the same address.

BEQUESTS TO MASONIC CHARITIES.

Mr. Henry Carleton Sproull, of Bloomhill, Ballygawley, County Tyrone, a prominent Freemason in the district, who died on 12th October last, left personal estate in Great Britain and Northern Ireland valued at £6,417 15s. 10d. Probate of the will dated 28th October, 1927, with a codicil, has been granted to Martin Middleton Wilde, of 27-32 Poultry, E.C., general manager of the Midland Bank, Executor and Trustee Co., Ltd., the executors.

The testator left £500 to his man servant, Archibald Singleton, if in his service at his death, and £200 to his daughter, Kathleen Winifred, and a further £300 when 21 years of age.

£1,000 to his maid, Martha Elizabeth Wilson, and £1,000 for the purchase of an annuity for her.

£2,500 to the Orphan Boys' Masonic Schools, Dublin, to be called the "Henry Carleton Sproull Fund," the income to be used for assisting pupils, on leaving the school, to make a start in life.

£500 to the Orphan Girls' Masonic Schools, £500 to the "Victoria Jubilee Fund."

The Bloomhill estate and property at Fermanagh to William Edward Ferguson for life, with remainder to his son, Edward Reginald William Ferguson, and the residue of the property to the said Edward Reginald William Ferguson

CANON O'DEA.

The Very Rev. Canon Denis O'Dea, B.A., of Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare, who died on 15th August last, left personal estate in England and the Irish Free State valued at £1,969 6s. 4d. Probate of the will, dated 22nd June, 1931, has been granted to the Rev. Patrick Barry, of Clarecastle, and Michael O'Dea, of Ennis, dentist.

The testator left £50 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the poor of Ennis, and £50 for the poor of Kilkee; £50 to Father W. Scanlan for repairs to Inagh Church; £100 for the erection of an altar in Wells Church; £40 to the Father Murphy memorial; his chalice to the parish priest of Kilfidane, to be kept and used in Cranny Church; the proceeds of the sale of his stock and outdoor effects to the Committee of Prefects of the Men's Confraternity for the poor of the parish; £100 to the Maynooth Mission to China, and the residue of the property as to one-half to his niece, Mary O'Dea, for the support of the three Cleary orphan children, Madge, Kittie and Patrick, and one-half for the celebration of Masses.

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TO-DAY'S TENBY CARD.

VIOLET MUNDY CHALLENGE CUP THE PRINCIPAL EVENT.

FROST, fog and floods have interfered with racing this season, and the latest victim is the Tenby meeting, the first day's programme having been postponed until to-day.

The principal race on the card will, of course, be the Violet Mundy Challenge Cup, a race named after Mrs. Mundy, who owns Western Flier and White Flag, two of the entrants in the Cup. It goes without saying that Mrs. Mundy will be especially keen to win the event, and she and D. Harrison have decided to rely upon White Flag.

At the first glance the grey does not appear to have a great chance; for he finished last of all but Nestorian in the Didcot Handicap Hurdle at Newbury. Several considerations, however, compel me to review his chance more favourably. In the first place, it is hardly likely that Harrison would run White Flag if he thought Western Flier had a better chance, and Western Flier has a smart winning record to his credit. The class of the animals engaged in to-day's event, too, is hardly up to that which White Flag met at Newbury. The final point is that White Flag ran a good race until a quarter of a mile from home, where he commenced to weaken. That was his first outing since last May, and the race should have done him good.

Yellow Oriel was my selection yesterday, and a very strong case can be made out for him. His second to Harem Guard at Cheltenham was a good performance, and showed a big advance on his previous effort at Cheltenham in November last. Before this season is over he will win good hurdle races, but in the event under consideration there does not appear to be much between him and White Flag. In the light of the latest information, I feel compelled to alter my selection to White Flag, but I still have a wholesome respect for Yellow Oriel.

Two additional runners are down to compete in the Wroughton N.H. Flat Race, and as a consequence the race should be a little more interesting. They are Strong One and St. Gowan. St. Gowan comes from Ireland, where he had a fair record. He is now stationed with Colonel Lindsay, who trains at Ystrad Mynach, Glamorgan. He has not run for some considerable time, but I am told he is expected to put up a fair show. Strong One ran in a couple of moderate selling hurdle races last February, and on that form does not look like a winner. Breconian, who recently ran well at Worcester, however, appears to be the danger to my original selection, Lough Mor. Lough Mor is in the ownership of Mrs. Mundy, who looks like having a good day at the meeting.

Mrs. Mundy may also run Dove's Pride in the first race, the Lawrenny Steeplechase, but her horse might be beaten by Handspike, whom I suggested as the likely winner yesterday.

Lawrenny Steeplechase—**Handspike.**
Knightston Selling Hurdle—**Tuck Box** (nap)
Violet Mundy Challenge Cup—**White Flag.**
Grove Selling Steeplechase—**St. Melons.**
Wroughton N.H. Flat Race—**Lough Mor.**
United Farmers' Hurdle—**Phœbe III.**

TO-DAY'S DOUBLE.
Tuck Box and Lough Mor.

PROGRAMME AND "PROBABLES."

1.30—LAWRENNY STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.

HEARTBURN (Lord Allendale) *Gordon* a 12 6
OVERDRAFT (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell a 11 0
RUDDYMAN (Mr. H. C. Selfridge) Powell a 11 0
LADY C. (Miss K. Bailey) D. Harrison a 10 0
ANNA MAY WIN (Capt. Dixon) Prioleau 6 10 0
ST. MELONS (Mrs. S. Evans) Rayson a 10 0
ROCK HILL II. (Capt. Hern) Private a 10 0
COURA (Mr. J. O. Ingham) ...Private a 10 0
BONEBLACK (Mr. D. Jackson) Poulton a 10 0
DOVE'S PRIDE (Mrs. Mundy) ..... D. Harrison a 10 0
CAMP BED (Mrs. P. Duncombe) Powell a 10 0
DEVON JEWEL (Mr. G. Poole) ...Hall a 10 0
HANDSPIKE (Major L. Tate) Owner a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
240	HEARTBURN ..... Moloney	5/4
020	ANNA MAY WIN ..... Parvin	100/8
040	BONEBLACK ..... Mr. D. Jackson	6/1
210	DOVE'S PRIDE ..... Speck	9/4
421	ST. MELONS ..... Hardy	7/2
203	HANDSPIKE ..... Foster	9/2

2.5—KNIGHTSTON SELLING HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

LADY GAY (Mr. G. P. Parry) Gilbert 5 11 4
BUSY BEE (Mr. G. H. Bostwick) ..... I. Anthony a 11 4
ORMUZD (Mr. Hutchinson) ...Prioleau a 11 2
TUCK BOX (Mr. H. D. Dennis) ..... P. Dennis a 10 13
PLACID (Mr. Cornelius) ..... R. Gordon 5 10 11
BACK ISLE (Mr. J. E. Jones) Barthropp 4 10 10
FRIAR'S SONG (Mr. Reader) ...Owner a 10 7
EARLY DAWN (Mr. W. Lewis) ...Owner a 10 7
OPTIMIST (Mrs. L. Tate) ..... Tate a 10 7
APACHE (Mr. J. H. Watson) ....Hobbs a 10 7
TE RURU (Mr. J. Applin) ..... Rayson 4 10 0
GOOD STORY (Mr. J. L. Hall) Owner 6 10 0
EAGRE (Mr. J. G. Lyall) ..... Owner 5 10 0
WESTCOURT (Mr. Macleod) ....Boyd a 10 0
SPEYSIDE (Mr. I. K. Matheson) ...Hall a 10 0
QUEEN'S COUNTY (Mrs. N. Roberts) ..... T. Roberts 4 10 0
TSCHAIKOVSKI (Mr. Stewart) ...Owner 4 10 0
MOUNTAIN BOY (Mr. D. Williams) ..... I. Harrison a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
000	ORMUZD ..... Moloney	4/1
203	TUCK BOX ..... Foster	7/4
203	PLACID ..... Mathews	8/1
023	EARLY DAWN ..... Foster	8/1
0	OPTIMIST ..... Parvin	100/8
000	APACHE ..... J. Nolan	10/1
0	TE RURU ..... Mr. Applin	10/1
0	EAGRE ..... Frecklington	100/8
000	SPEYSIDE ..... Mr. Matheson	100/8
003	TSCHAIKOOSKI ..... Mr Stewart	2/1

2.40—VIOLET MUNDY CHALLENGE CUP with 50 sovs. added. 2 m. Age st. lb.

WESTERN FLIER (Mrs. Munday) ..... D. Harrison 6 12 9
WHITE FLAG (Mrs. Munday) ..... D. Harrison a 12 5
SIR CRISPEN (Mr. G. H. Bostwick) ..... I. Anthony 6 12 5
POMMELLED (Mr. T. Rayson) ...Rayson a 11 13
CRAFTY CAPTAIN (Mrs. Rayson) ..... D. Harrison 5 11 9
PERFECTIVE (Sir Daniel Cooper) ..... D. Harrison 5 11 8
YELLOW ORIEL (Col. M. Lindsay) ..... Lindsay 6 11 5
DUKE OF FLORENCE (Mr. A. D. McAlpine) ..... Barthropp a 11 5
HAREM GUARD (Capt. R. M. Thompson) ..... Thompson 5 11 2
SWANLAKE BAY (Mr. C. C. Williams) ..... D. Harrison 5 11 0
SCARLET STRIPES (Mr. R. J. Powers) ..... Barthropp a 10 11
VIVACIOUS (Mrs. C. Jones) .....J. Scott 5 10 9
ROYAL ROWLAND (Mr. T. P. Kimbell) ..... Prioleau a 10 9
OLIVER CROMWELL (Mr. A. C. Scott) ..... D. Harrison a 10 9
POUNCE (Mrs. L. Tate) ..... Hall 6 10 9
LORD PUTTENDEN (Mrs. Nellie Roberts) ..... Roberts 5 10 5
BUSY BEE (Mr. G. H. Bostwick) ..... I. Anthony a 10 5
PRINCE GROSVENOR (Mrs. C. Jones) ..... J. Scott 5 10 2
APACHE (Mr. J. H. Watson) .....Hobbs a 10 0
SIMONIAN (Mr. T. Gleeson) .....Stubbs a 10 0
ST. CECILIA (Mr. D. D. Stewart) ..... D. Harrison 5 10 0
CLEVER PUTT (Mr. D. A. Jackson) ..... Poulton 4 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
210	WHITE FLAG ..... Speck	11/4
023	POMMELLED ..... Hardy	4/1
302	YELLOW ORIEL ..... Mr. Harding	8/1
321	HAREM GUARD ..... Ramey	2/1
204	ROYAL ROWLAND ..... Parvin	10/1
203	POUNCE ..... Foster	6/1
130	ST. CECILIA ..... Matthews	10/1
00	CLEVER PUTT ..... Mr. D. Jackson	10/1

3.15—GROVE OPTIONAL SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 75 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

PERSIAN PRINCE (Mrs. Aldridge) ..... Barthropp 6 11 10
HEARTBURN (Lord Allendale) ..... R. Gordon a 11 10
CROCKANOIR (Mr. R. F. Mount) ..... Powell a 11 10
OLIVER CROMWELL (Mr. Scott) Hall 6 11 0
SIR LINDSAY (Mr. Whitney) J. Anthony a 11 0
BE GOOD (Mr. H. D. Dennis) Dennis a 10 0
ST. MELONS (Mrs. S. Evans)...Rayson a 10 0
BOLD BUCCANEER (Mr. O. A. Greenslade) ..... Hall a 10 0
STOW HILL (Mrs. C. Jones) J. Scott a 10 0
RED MOROCCO (Mr. Jones) H. Young 6 10 0
BLUESAND (Col. M. Lindsay) Lindsay a 10 0
STRUMLEVER (Mr. Moraville) Moraville a 10 0
JACK STEEL (Mrs. Mundy) D. Harrison 5 10 0
BIGGIN HILL (Mrs. L. Tate) ..... Tate a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
240	HEARTBURN ..... Moloney	11/10
200	OLIVER CROMWELL ...Mr. Cazalet	100/7
300	BE GOOD ..... Foster	100/8
003	RED MOROCCO ..... Bowden	6/1
0	ST. MELONS ..... Hardy	5/2
203	STRUMLEVER ..... Bowden	6/1
324	BIGGIN HILL ..... Parvin	9/2

3.45—WROUGHTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 50 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

DUKE OF FLORENCE (Mr. A. D. McAlpine) ..... Barthropp a 12 7
BARON JOHN (Mrs. Aldridge) ..... Barthropp a 11 10
STRONG ONE (Mr. Jackson) Poulton a 11 10
HEREWITH (Mr. A. C. Bostwick) ..... T. Anthony a 11 7
BRECONIAN (Sir D. Llewellyn) Lindsay a 11 7
LOUGH MOR (Mrs. Mundy) D. Harrison a 11 7
TOY BELL (Mrs. R. D. Cohen) Powell a 11 4
SLIEVE BRACK (Mr. Hutchinson) ..... Hedges a 11 4
MAY CRESCENT (Mr. T. Rayson) ..... Rayson a 11 0
TETRASANT (Mr. T. Rayson) Rayson a 11 0
ST. GOWAN (Mr. T. Luff) D. Harrison a 10 7

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
	STRONG ONE ..... Mr. D. Jackson	¾/1
322	BRECONIAN ..... Mr. Stewart	7/2
120	LOUGH MOR ..... Mr. Mount	7/4
	MAY CRESCENT ..... Mr. Walwyn	10/1
112	TETRASANT ..... Mr. Cazalet	Evens

3.55—UNITED COUNTIES FARMERS' AND TRADESMEN'S HURDLE RACE of 45 sovs. 2 m. Age st. lb.

PHŒBE III. (Mr. Hodges) D. Harrison a 12 7
ERSE (Miss Y. Hodges) ..... Private a 12 7
EARLY DAWN (Mr. W. M. Lewis) ..... Lewis a 12 7
MAY B. III. (Mr. W. M. Lewis) ..... Lewis a 12 7
WATCHMAN II. (Mr. I. Mathias) ..... Private a 12 7
WHAT'S THAT (Mr. Hughes) ...Private a 12 7
STELLA WHITE (Mrs. Ingham) Private 5 11 13
BANDIT II. (Mr. Williams) ..... Private 4 11 3

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
232	PHŒBE III. ..... Mr. J. Hodges	4/5
0	ERSE ..... Mr. Griffiths	7/1
053	EARLY DAWN ..... Mr. Lewis	5/2
	MAY B. III. ..... Mr. Harding	20/1
00	WATCHMAN II. ..... Sir G. Congreve	8/1
	STELLA WHITE ..... Mr. Cazalet	7/1
	BANDIT II. ..... Mr. Thomas	5/1

FORM HORSES.

1.30—Handspike.
2. 5—Tuck Box.
2.40—Harem Guard (nap).
3.15—Heartburn.
3.45—Tetrasant.
3.55—Phœbe III.
Eclipse.

FROM THE HUNTING FIELDS.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

The meet at St. Margaret's brought out the usual large number of followers. Scent was very bad in the early part of the day, owing to there being so much snow on the ground, but later on matters improved, so commencement was made on Harristown, where a brace of hares was quickly on foot. The selected one was hunted over Mr. Birmingham's farm and on by Poppintry, where the hare bore to the right over the Merryfalls to the Moate, where she was lost. We found again in Sillogus, and hounds ran through Coultry into the lands of Ballymun House almost to the old Charter School. Bearing to the right here, they crossed Miss Nagle's farm and ran straight into Harristown, where scent failed. A hare found in Huntstown gave a nice run through Dunbroe and on by the College farm to Barberstown, where we turned sharp to the right, and hounds went very fast over Pickardstown to the back of the Boot Inn, where we lost on the road, and this finished.

One of the biggest fields of the season met hounds at Elmgrove on Saturday last by invitation of Mrs. McKeever, who dispensed hospitality to all. On a poor scent a hare found at Elmgrove led almost to Gormanstown and through Killrickstown, where scent fizzled out. A hare found on Mr. Boylan's farm went away over Mullaghteelin Hill nearly to Stedalt, thence by Lisdornan to Kennetstown, and on to Leggan Hall. Turning to the right here, she ran over the high ground, before crossing the Bellewstown road into Rahulland, and on by Balgeen to Dardistown, where hounds were stopped.

Meeting at The Boot on Tuesday, we began with a nice ring round Collinstown, and lost our quarry in the wire entanglements of the aerodrome. Finding again in the big field attached to the aerodrome, hounds ran very smartly through Little Forest, and, crossing the Swords road into Great Forest, went on by Rahingle to Hilltown, thence through Brackenstown Glen almost to the town of Swords. Circling here, they re-crossed Hilltown to Brackenstown House, where she was left. There was a quick find in Knocksedan, and, after circling the farm, hounds ran through Killeek to the kennels, and on by Barberstown to Kingston, where they were stopped.

CO. LIMERICK HOUNDS.

A NINE-MILE POINT.

On Saturday last these hounds met at Kilmeedy village, and brought off the best hunt of the season. A very small field, mostly of the fair sex, was well rewarded. The first draw was Maine, which held, and after a little hunting in covert the fox broke on the north side. Hounds ran at a fast pace to Brook Lodge, and, bearing right-handed, crossed the Ballingarry-Kilmeedy road and over the hill into Heathfield. Running through the covert, hounds hunted well over the Heath into Croke's Hill, and, just skirting the east end of the covert, continued on towards Glenwilliam, short of which a sharp right-handed turn took us up to the hills again and on into Castletown. Here fresh foxes intervened, but hounds hunted away and ran on to Lees Cross, where they checked. Hitting off the line the pack hunted at a slower pace, pointing as if for the Black Hill, but bearing right-handed ran along the bottoms before turning up to Lisduane, where hounds threw up at the earth on Mr. Sexton's farm, which, of course, was not stopped owing to having run quite out of our country. Thus ended a nine-mile point, and about fifteen as hounds ran. Time—1 hour, 40 minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—January.	Meet.	Hour.
To-day	10-Mile Bush	1.30
Saturday, 9th	Rathgate	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Dunlavin	11. 0
Saturday, 9th	Celbridge	11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Rathkenny House	11. 0
Saturday, 9th	Garadice	11. 0
	Little Wood, Slane	11. 0

NORTH KILDARE HARRIERS—Change of Meet—January 7, Thursday, 14th, Grange Gate, instead of Friday, 15th, Barberstown Cross-roads. At 11.30.

HUNTING—Reports from the various Packs, List of Appointments, Hunt Ball and Point-to-Point Fixtures, appear in "THE IRISH FIELD." Published every Saturday. Price 2d.

SELECTIONS FOR TENBY MEETING TO-DAY

PAPER.	1.30 RACE.	2.5 RACE.	2.40 RACE.	3.15 RACE.	3.45 RACE.	3.55 RACE.
Irish Times	Handspike.	Tuck Box.*	White Flag.	St. Melons.	Lough Mor.	Phœbe III.
Gaiety Mare	—	—	—	—	Pounce.	Breconian.
3. Life & Sportsman	Dove's Pride.	Ormuzd place.	White Flag.	St. Melons; Oliver Cromwell place.	Lough Mor.	Phœbe III.
Man on the Spot	Dove's Pride.	Tuck Box.	Royal Rowland.	St. Melons.	Lough Mor.	Phœbe III.
Daily Sketch	Heartburn.	Back Isle.	Yellow Oriel.	St. Melons.*	Sliver Brack.	—
Star	Dove's Pride.	Tuck Box;* Early Dawn pl.	Harem Guard; White Flag pl.	St. Melons.	Lough Mor.	—
Evening News	Dove's Pride.	Tuck Box.*	White Flag pl.	Heartburn.	Lough Mor.*	—
Evening Standard	St. Melons.	Tuck Box.	D. Harrison's sel.	Blue Sand.	Lough Mor.	—
The Times	—	—	—	—	—	—

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

A WATER-LOGGED COURSE.

POSTPONEMENT AT TENBY.

DECISION AS TO TO-DAY'S RACING.

(FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

RACING was found to be impossible this afternoon at Tenby on account of the water-logged state of the course. It appears that it has never ceased raining in that remote corner of South West Wales since the new year, and it appears to have continued to rain all to-day.

It is very hard luck on those who are responsible for the conduct of the Tenby meeting that they should have struck this patch of weather, for it is only by the guarantees of some local residents and others that the meeting has been kept alive.

For a few years past it has only been hanging on by its eyebrows, so to speak. It would be a great pity if it had to go under after having survived the best part of a century. Tenby was quite an important racing centre in a small way when the late Mr. Lort Phillips lived close by at Lawrenny Park, and trained the good horses that carried the colours of the late Mr. Frank Bilby.

It has a minor distinction, too, in that it is the birthplace of F. B. Rees and L. B. Rees, but not, as is generally supposed, of the Anthony brothers. They came from the next county, Carmarthenshire.

A GRAND NATIONAL WINNER.

Glenside was trained at Tenby when he won the Grand National, and before his Liverpool success he ran at the Tenby meeting. Now David Harrison is the only trainer located there. It is, of course, a very inaccessible place at which to train horses, and necessitates very long railway journeys.

Some years ago a few South of Ireland owners used to send horses regularly to the meeting, and Mr. P. Sheehan's colours are very familiar there.

One of the features of the meeting for years was the Tenby Hunt ball, held on the night of the first day's racing. For some reason or other this has been abandoned, perhaps because it kept the jockeys up too late.

DECISION AT 9.30 A.M.

A decision as to whether racing is possible to-morrow will be made by the Stewards in the morning at 9.30 o'clock.

Should racing take place, the United Counties' Farmers' and Tradesmen's Hurdle Race, which was a part of the abandoned second day's programme, will be an addition to the first day's card, and will be run as soon as possible after the Wroughton National Hunt Flat Race, being timed as the 3.55 race.

SELECTIONS.

Suggestions for the day are that POUNCE may win the Violet Mundy Challenge Cup, and BRECONIAN the Wroughton National Hunt Flat Race.

GALTEE MORE.

WORK AT THE CURRAGH.

THE CURRAGH, Wednesday.

Another very wet morning, and it was late before horses left their several stables. Owing to the exceptionally heavy state of the going little work was accomplished, and teams were chiefly restricted to the necessary healthy exercise.

BEHAN'S Knight of the Mist, Amor Vincit, Luck Gift and May Turn traversed a mile; Call Him, Kilnakirk, Roll Up, Sea Mark, Gold Amulet, Schweppes and two-year-olds had brisk bouts of walking and trotting exercise.

BRABAZON'S Clendennen, Percy and the two-year-olds were similarly engaged.

O'GRADY'S team had healthy exercise in the home paddocks.

DAWSON'S Arab Man, Orbell, Charming Prince and others of the Rathbride team cantered.

DOYLE'S Kildare's Pride, Reilly, Ripple On and others had useful bouts of healthy exercise.

FETHERSTONHAUGH'S Copper Court and Corolanty covered a mile and a half.

HARTIGAN'S Kilcash Hill, Lady Frivol, Gold Cygnet, High Warrendale and others of the Ruanigh team were usefully employed.

PARKINSON'S Sabre, Gaelic Prince, Bib, Supina, Sack, Rockford, Film Fan, Kyleciare and Prince Prosper traversed a mile at a good pace; others of the Middlestown Lodge team cantered.

ROGERS' Heraclida, Cap-a-pie II., and Talkative galloped a mile; the rest of the Cronanstown team had useful bouts of healthy exercise.

SLOCOCK'S Captured Late, Happy Memories, Lista, Ethel's Treasure, Jack's Puzzle, Jackalight, Lass o' Rheims and others of the Curragh View team had nice bouts of healthy exercise.

WELLESLEY'S Chota, Sahib, Coolayna, Prince Khan and the rest of the Friarstown team were usefully employed.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS.

Daily Sketch.—*Double*—St. Melons and Back Isle.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE RIVIERA COURTS DESERTED.

G. L. ROGERS A WINNER IN ONLY TOURNAMENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

Once the rendezvous of society's greatest tennis players the famous courts of the Riviera are at the moment deserted. Riviera lawn tennis has suffered from the British "stay-at-home-and play" movement, just as the Swiss winter sports industry has suffered. One Riviera club has only four members. The Juan-les-Pins tournament, which was due to start next week, has been cancelled because of lack of entries.

In the only tournament so far decided, which was the Beau Site, at Cannes last week, Miss Hewitt and G. Lyttleton Rogers, the Irish Davis Cup player, were the winners.

At the moment the professional championship of France, in which Karel Kozeluh is defending champion, a title he has held for six years, is the only tournament of importance. Kozeluh and Martin Plaa have entered the semi-finals of the Bristol Cup. Plaa beat Fritz Weiss 6-2, 6-2, 6-3, and Kozeluh beat Edmund Burke 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

BILLIARDS

ANOTHER RECORD BY LINDRUM.

Play was continued yesterday in the Lindrum-Newman match at Thurston's, London. In the opening session Lindrum had a total of 1,200 and an average of 150, while Newman had the comparatively meagre score of 362 for an average of 45. The chief breaks were 387 (from 136 unfinished), 104, 299, and 381 unfinished by Lindrum, and 121 and 137 by Newman.

Lindrum set up another record when, in a break of 643 in the evening session, he had a sequence of 284 cannons. The previous best was 276 by the Australian at Birmingham last year. The break was remarkable in that Lindrum took the balls round the table past five pockets before having to play a long-range winner. The break ended when he missed a screw-back cannon.

Lindrum, prior to this innings, had taken his unfinished break to 482, and for the session had a total of 1,014 and an average of 113. Newman's breaks were 559 (containing 61 and 100 cannons), 149, and 32 unfinished. He averaged 100 for 798. Closing scores:—Newman (rec. 7,000) (in play), 10,254; Lindrum, 6,328.

GOLF.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

SUTTON.

Ladies' Section—Annual general meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Saturday, 9th January, at 5 p.m. Medal—Miss Fitzgerald (10), 84; Mrs. Hilldrick (29), 87.

PORTRANE.

Ladies' Branch.—The I.L.G.U. Spoon was won by Miss C. Meares. A ring competition will be played from January 5th to February 29th; conditions in Clubhouse. The annual general meeting will be held in the Clubhouse on Monday, January 18th, at 3.30. January Medal on Monday, January 25th.

FOXROCK.

Ladies' Branch.—Tuesday, January 12, Nine-hole eclectic sweepstake. Draws 10.30 and 11 a.m. The January Medal has been postponed to Tuesday, January 19th.

CLONTARF.

Ladies' Branch—To-day—Winter medal, nine holes

HORSES IN TRAINING.

PROMISING FLAT RACERS AND 'CHASERS AT CURRAGH VIEW.

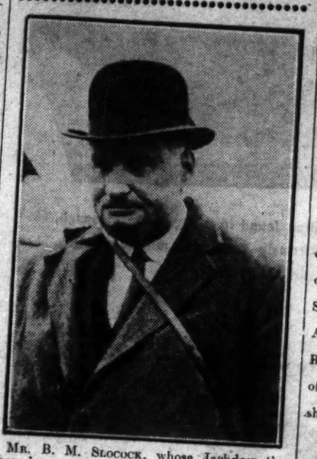
BY OUR CURRAGH CORRESPONDENT.

MR. O. T. V. SLOCOCK is now entering upon his fourth year's residence at the Curragh, and it will be at once seen, by the list of the horses he has in training for the ensuing season, that the opinion of owners as to his ability has in no wise lessened. Indeed, he could not easily be a failure at this most arduous—and often heart-breaking—profession, for he comes from a family always successfully identified with the racing, training and breeding of horses in every branch.

Among his patrons are the American sportsmen, Mr. Gould-Shaw and Mr. Ambrose Clark, who take more than a mere perfunctory interest in their horses. Mr. Ambrose Clark, who makes frequent visits to the Curragh, likes the thoroughbred 'chaser stamp, and in a few of those I saw at Curragh View I think he has just got what he wants. Lord Osborne Beauclerk is another owner represented here.

UNLUCKY HORSES.

Last season Mr. Slocock would have been much higher up in the winning list but for the bad luck he had with that good two-



MR. B. M. SLOCOCK, whose Jackdaw the Second was one of the best two-year-olds in Ireland last year.

year-old, Jackdaw the Second, and Runaway Jack. The latter broke a leg in his box preparatory to the Naas November Handicap, won by Hebrides, and this was surely an inglorious end to a really good horse. Jackdaw the Second was unlucky enough to knock up against the very best of our two-year-olds, including the champion Seamark. The colt is now trained in England, and it will surprise me greatly if he does not turn out a good winner this year.

Happy Memories is jumping hurdles, and she will doubtless do well over timber; while Ethel's Treasure (who has been resting since she showed smart form as a youngster) and Listra are being put over fences. Captured Late ran well recently at Baldoyle, and might have been, perhaps, a little nearer to the eventual winner but for a mistake at the last hurdle.

In Jack's Puzzle, Mr. Clark possesses the makings of a Grand National horse. He is a great big colt of tremendous strength, and there is no doubt that he will be given all the time that must be necessary to assure his proper development, and towards the end of the year he will be something good indeed to look at. He traces back to a Grand National winner in Comeaway. Pilot Ship and Easter Star are two others that will be seen over fences.

Lass o' Rheims was not put into serious training till towards the end of last season, and she ought to turn out a remunerative charge this year. Jackalight is a three-parts brother to the winner of the valuable Viceroy Cup—Nightjar.

Of the three-year-olds, chief reference may be made to La Sorciere, who is owned by Mr. Gould Shaw. She was a winner during last season and was second to Hill Song at Leopardstown, being beaten only three-parts of a length. She is in our Guineas and Oaks, and has done well. Artful Twinkle is also a winner, and has, too, done nicely. Steeplejack is half-brother to Lass o' Rheims, and, as well as Beauty of Rheims, who has yet to race, should be worth bearing in mind. Jack's Darling is on the small side, but has already shown a nice turn of speed.

SISTER TO BRIGHTER LONDON.

The now two-year-olds number a dozen, and make a distinctly attractive company. The own-sister to Brighter London and Jackdaw of Rheims is a good-looking filly, but bound to take time to develop. The own-sister to Jackdaw the Second is of nice size, and is racing-like. The colt by Linby—Lady Lucienne is also one that should eventually catch the judge's eye.

Mr. Shaw's diminutive filly by Arran Chief is from Kitty's Gift, who is a full-sister to Welcome Gift. A colt by Jackdaw—Kathleen Mavourneen is another who is likely to come to hand early. The stable, however, is not likely to hurry its horses, and most of the other two-year-olds will be given all reasonable time.

The horses in training at Curragh View are:—

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS AND UPWARDS.

Captured Late, ch. m., 5 yrs., by Captivation—Late in the Day.
Ethel's Treasure, b. m., 5 yrs., by Polybius—Ethel's Pet.
Happy Memories, gr. m., 5 yrs., by Jackdaw—Statue.
Lista, ch. g., 5 yrs., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Perinola.
Easter Star, b. g., 4 yrs., by Dennis d'Or—Confiture.
Jack o' Glen, b. g., 4 yrs., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Gypsy Glen.
Jack's Puzzle, b. g., 4 yrs., by Jackdaw—Sanbelle.
Jack Hope, b. c., 4 yrs., by Jackdaw—Archimina.
Jackalight, b. g., 4 yrs., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Doris O.
Lass of Rheims, b. f., 4 yrs., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Kellsboro' Lass.
Pilot Ship, br. g., 4 yrs., by The Midshipmite—Miss Avon.

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

Artful Twinkle, b. f., by Marten—Mindful.
Beauty of Rheims, ch. g., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Waveless Beauty.
Jackdaw's Pride, br. c., by Jackdaw—Doris O.
Jack's Darling, br. f., by Jackdaw—Fanchon.
La Sorciere, br. f., by Kirk Alloway—Sibylline II.
Misjudgment, ch. g., by Jackdaw of Rheims—Dublin Lass.
Monteray, br. c., by Torlonia—Sea of Stars.
Smarvellous, b. f., by Birlingham—Maid of the Heath.
Steeplejack, b. c., by Jackdaw—Kellsboro' Lass.
Zadare, gr. c., by Zanoni—Adare.

TWO-YEAR-OLDS.

Bay colt by Linby—Lady Lucienne.
Bay filly by Jackdaw—Perinola.
Bay filly by Milton—Red Empress.
Bay filly by Jackdaw of Rheims—Epera.
Bay or br. filly by Flaming Orb—Eminent Lady.
Bay gelding by Buen Ojo—Ardmona.
Brown colt by Highborn II.—Grassmond.
Brown colt by Jackdaw—Kathleen Mavourneen.
Brown filly by Jackdaw—Amaryllis.
Brown filly by Soldennis—Brighter Star.
Brown filly by Arran Chief—Kitty's Gift.
Chestnut gelding by Scherzo—Belton.

Owners for whom training:—Mr. F. Ambrose Clark, Mr. Gould Shaw, Mr. R. D. Seale, Mr. H. R. C. Rutherford, Lord Osborne Beauclerk, Mrs. B. M. Slocock, Mr. B. M. Slocock, Mr. L. H. Slocock, and himself.

Apprentices:—M. Nolan (7st. 7lb.), W. Gainey (6st.).

ANOTHER WIN FOR SPRINGBOKS.

F. VENTER AND G. BRAND IN BRILLIANT FORM.

SOUTH AFRICANS	27
YORKSHIRE and CUMBERLAND	5

UP to a point, the Yorkshire and Cumberland fifteen surpassed expectations in the match at Workington yesterday, but towards the end their energies flagged, and the side were handicapped owing to the retirement of Bonner, the full-back. This necessitated taking a man from the pack, and, with their weakened resources and the counties' fifteen conceded three tries during the last twenty minutes. Consequently the victory of the Springboks by three goals and four tries to a goal was very flattering.

It was anybody's game in the first half, when the Springboks were lucky to gain a lead. Bradley was able to get out some long passes to Williams and Bedford, and Novis ran strongly. Osler's kicking by no means so good as usual, but Brand played a brilliant game for the tourists all through, and Venter, in the second half, was very difficult to hold up. He was, perhaps, the best man on the field, but Bonner gave a remarkably sound display at full-back for Yorkshire and Cumberland. The unorthodox formation of the Springboks' pack did not entirely succeed due to the clever anticipation of the opposing side, but when the counties were shorn of full strength the tourists exerted their full weight in the scrummages, heeled them, and gave their backs numerous opportunities of cutting through. At the same time, the last three tries scored were all very simple affairs. About six thousand people saw the match played in a heavy downpour.

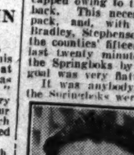
J. H. Van Der Westhuizen ran over with a couple of tries early in the game, good passing preceding each of the scores, and the first effort was improved by Brand. The Springboks handled well both with much certainty, and the Yorkshire and Cumberland backs also brought off several bouts of neat handling, one of them leading to a try by Williams. Booth made the opening for this, and Bedford and Williams took the ball through, the last-named running at a fine pace, to touch down for a try, that S. A. Martindale converted. That was all the scoring up to the interval, but the South Africans put up a stout defence, when their opponents tried to rush matters, and, after Bonner had to retire, the weakened counties' pack was rather over-played.

Novis, with a sound tackle, held up an attack by Venter, but Craven slipped round on the blind side for an unconverted try, and subsequently Venter (2), J. C. Van Der Westhuizen and Danceel added further tries, Osler kicking two goals.

Teams:—

Yorkshire and Cumberland—W. G. N. Bonner (Bradford); L. A. Booth (Headingley), L. L. Bedford (Headingley), A. Novis (Headingley), F. W. S. Malir (Otley); F. Williams (Headingley), D. Bradley (Morley); A. Blakeley (Headingley), D. Martindale (Manchester University), J. Burley (Aspatria), S. Martindale (Kendal), E. Sykes (Cudderfield Old Boys), R. Bolton (Wakefield), K. Holden (Doncaster), T. Stephenson (Carlisle).

South Africans—G. Brand; J. H. Van Der Westhuizen, F. W. J. Van Der Westhuizen, F. Venter; B. Osler, D. Craven; M. Louw, F. Mostert, S. Du Toit, A. Van Der Merwe, P. J. Nel, V. Geere, N. J. Bierman, G. M. Danceel.



F. VENTER.

OPERATION ON J. C. TINDALL.

As a result of an injury sustained when playing for the South Africans against London at Twickenham on Boxing Day, J. C. Tindall, the Springboks' full-back, has undergone an internal operation in a London nursing home.

ULSTER SENIOR CUP.

The draw for the Ulster Senior Cup is:—

FIRST ROUND.

(A)—Malone v. Bangor.
(B)—Knock v. Instonians.
(C)—Civil Service v. Collegians.
(D)—Queen's University v. Lurgan.
N.I.F.C. a bye.

To be played on February 6th at 3 o'clock; extra time in case of a draw.

SECOND ROUND.

(E)—Winner of B v. N.I.F.C.
A, C and D byes.

To be played on February 20th at 3 o'clock; extra time in case of a draw.

ULSTER JUNIOR CUP—FOURTH ROUND.

In the fourth round of the Ulster Junior Cup Dungannon will meet Larne at Dungannon on January 16th; kick-off 2.45, extra time in case of a draw. N.I.F.C. 2nd, Queen's Island and Malone have byes to the fifth round.

HUNT AND IEVERS SHOW UP WELL.

HAMPSHIRE	9
SUSSEX	0

Adapting themselves the better to the atrocious conditions which prevailed at Brighton yesterday afternoon, Hampshire gained a splendid victory by three tries to nothing over Sussex in the County Championship.

The Hove Stadium ground being in a deplorably muddy state and a strong wind driving rain from end to end, the conditions were such that orthodox play of any accurate character was quite out of the question. Many passes went astray, and all attempts at touch-finding were spoiled. Hampshire very sensibly realised the necessity to suit their methods to the demands of the occasion, and, concentrating upon using their feet, the backs and forwards worked with splendid effect. Sussex, on the other hand, never emulated the example set by their opponents, with the result that Hampshire did nearly all the attacking. Holding an advantage in weight, Hampshire forwards—Troop, Falla, Forrest, Sadler and Hodgkin, in particular—did splendidly. Behind them Bunney and Elliot, even if they did not start many passing movements by the three-quarters, showed up prominently in defence, as did Hunt and Ievers, the new full-backs. Ronald gave a sound display at full-back for Sussex, while Holman, Baiss and Rush-Cade might have made better use of the wind, although after once in the second half Hunt made one fine long kick, he travelled over seventy-five yards. Sussex, with the wind behind them, began and end Dean nearly got in, but in the main the out by Ford gave Hampshire the lead in ten minutes. Hampshire went close to increasing this advantage when a bout of passing by the three-quarters alm

COTTIER TENANT CONVENTION.

CALL FOR SCHEME OF PURCHASE.

CLAIMS OF A NEW ASSOCIATION.

THERE were delegates from Carlow, Sligo, Longford, Donegal, Tipperary, Louth, Kildare, Leix, Monaghan, Galway, Roscommon, Offaly, Meath, Waterford, Kerry and Limerick at the first National Convention of the Cottier Tenants' and Rural Workers' Association, held yesterday at 36 Parnell square, Dublin.

WORKERS' FIRST NEED.

Mr. E. Mansfield, Tipperary, who presided, said that the object of the Association was to keep the people on the land; to render the conditions as to employment, housing, etc., tolerable, if not attractive; to stay the rapid process of urbanisation and its attendant evils of slums and unemployment; to co-operate with those who aimed at developing the natural resources of the country.

The first need of their workers was work at reasonable pay under fair conditions, not charity or doles. They did not object to protection if it included consumers. They knew that protection meant more employment and better wages, and that homilies on cheap food of foreign origin were but an insult to unemployed men who had no money. The resources of the country should be exploited for the benefit of their own people. In the matter of national credit and public grants the workers had equal claims with other sections of the community. A big proportion of cottiers were the immediate descendants of workers cleared off the ranches by what all thinking people regarded as harsh and unjust laws, in defiance of the law of property. The real owners of the ranches of Meath would be found in the slums of Dublin. In these vast solitudes, which give no employment, their statesmen squandered the nation's resources in grants of financial help of all kinds. When it came to the mere worker they drew the line.

What they had to consider was the problem of existing labourers' cottages and the provision of new and much-needed housing facilities for rural workers, including working farmers.

A PURCHASE SCHEME.

"We are," said Mr. Mansfield, "out first of all for a purchase scheme on sane and considered lines, fair alike to cottier, to taxpayer and to ratepayer, and not merely in the individual interest of the cottier, but in those of the community; for we are convinced that transfer will lead to greater economy and stability for the State."

Cottiers did not want a rushed or ill-considered scheme. They asked for a committee of inquiry working under a time limit of, say, four months, to examine the finances of the Labourers Act, to report with a view to necessary legislation. In this demand they had the support of various public bodies, including the General Council of County Councils. It was a reasonable and necessary demand. Delay would render the task more difficult, if not impossible. The chief opposition to the claims came from the reactionary elements in the Local Government Department, the representatives of the ranchers in rural areas, and those of the rack-renting urban houselords who felt that their tenure of impossible rents in slum areas was more likely to be called in question if the rural worker had security of tenure at a reasonable rent in his cottage. In purchase there was no question of raising further loans, or of saddling the community with additional expense. It was a matter of redeeming the balance of the existing loans, and the cottier would not shirk his share of the burden. Cottiers welcomed a reasonable veto so as to ensure that the houses would remain for the benefit of the class that they were intended for, a veto similar to that which now existed in the hands of the Irish Land Commission in the case of farms subject to annuities.

Under the labourers' code of Housing Acts, about £7,400,000 was borrowed to build somewhat more than 42,000 cottages. The average inclusive cost per house for plot, construction, legal and engineering fees was about £173. Under the Labourers Acts preceding those of 1906 nearly half the total cottages were built for £3,600,000, borrowed under various schemes by the local authority from the Commissioners of Public Works at rates varying from 3 to 4½ per cent., and for periods ranging from 20 to 50 years. Generally the rate was 3½ per cent., and the period 40 years. The combined loan payment, including sinking fund, was £14 13s. 4d. Many of the loans under the earlier Acts had already been redeemed, the loan charges were lessening rapidly, and in about a dozen years would, for the vast bulk of them, have disappeared.

LOAN CHARGES.

At present the loan charges reached about £100,000 a year—a rapidly decreasing sum—and of this the Exchequer grants met £29,205, leaving about £79,000 per annum to be met by the local authorities. It would be noted, therefore, that on the thousands of cottages built for upwards of 30 years, the loan charges had ceased, and within 12 to 15 years almost all the houses built under the earlier Acts would be free of such charges. Roundly, half the cottages were constructed under the Labourers' Act, 1906, by loans aggregating nearly £3,000,000, borrowed from the Irish Land Commission upon precisely the same terms as those that farmers got under the Wyndham Act (1903), the inclusive rate being 3½ per cent. The public, generally confounding the 2½ per cent. paid to the stock-holders with the rate of interest at which the sinking fund would be invested, wrongly assumed that the period of payment would be 68½ years. County Councils, in framing a scheme of purchase of cottages; the General Council of County Councils, the Minister for Local Government and Agriculture, had all fallen into the same error. There was nothing about the 68½ years in the 1903 Act.

The period of redemption was to be the number of years in which the sinking fund invested at available rates—the accumulation to be used periodically for cancelling the land stock at favourable prices—would redeem the capital sum borrowed. Had the rate been only 2 per cent. throughout the period under 81 years, at 5 per cent. it would be 48½ years, at 6 per cent. about 43 years. A sinking fund of 10s. per cent. would, even at 4½ per cent., redeem £248 10s. in 68 years, at 5 per cent. £284, at 5½ per cent. £365, at 6 per cent. £470. The rate of interest never went below 3 per cent. Between 1904 and 1914 it averaged nearly 3½ per cent. For the past 18 years it averaged nearly 5½ per cent. not only for the new and growing sinking funds but for previous accumulation allocations. It might be taken as averaging almost 5½ per cent. over the whole period of twenty-eight years. That was only one factor accelerating the period of redemption. The accumulations were used periodically to cancel the stock. Even if the rate of interest stood permanently at 2½ per cent, and the price of stock 50, the period could by that one factor alone be lessened to 40 years. The two combined at varying low rates and at varying low prices in such a manner that not even the National Debt Commissioners could foretell the exact date of redemption from the date of vesting generally.

THE KILDARE SCHEME.

It might be taken that the original estimated period would be reduced by half. This accorded with the Act and the moral right of the farmer—a right so emphasised in the big question of retention of the payment to Britain. This matter concerned all farmers who had purchased under the Acts preceding the Treaty. Whether the advantage is taken in the reduced period of payment—the legal right—or by negotiation in the direction of substantial reductions, for which there was precedent, was a matter of high national policy. Options could be given that the reckoned period of 68½ years could be reduced by 30 years, or that without extending the 68½ years material reductions could be secured not even the National Debt Commissioners could deny. As far back as 1910 they themselves held more than half the stocks then issued. It was obvious that the Kildare scheme accepted by the County Councils General Council and issued by the Local Government Department as a model scheme would not bear examination. On the loan of £3,600,000 the annual charges exceeded £123,000 a year. Even were the period 38½ instead of the 68½ accepted in the scheme, the accumulated payments in the extra 30 years would mean £3,690,000, a considerable trifle that the cottiers insist must be discussed before they accept such a scheme. Of the £123,000 a year State grants would meet 36 per cent. or £44,000 a year, leaving £79,000 on the local authorities. Thus under both sets of Acts the local authorities had to meet £158,000 a year, of which they received about £125,000 from the tenants and £33,000 from the rates.

The annual loan charges were divided as follows:—Tenants meet £125,000; the State £73,000; rates £33,000.

The amount falling on the rates was a rapidly decreasing sum; in addition, local authorities were legally liable for repairs, etc. Such charges averaged over a number of years would mean about £1 per cottage; with the £33,000 it would reach £75,000 a year, or, say, 2½d. in the £, spread over the whole State. Agricultural land was relieved of 60 per cent. of this, so that the constantly grousing ratepayer who got 5s. 6d. in the £ relief of rates had actually to bear only 1d. in the £ for cottages. Of the rate relief the large ranchers got 55 per cent., though they numbered but 7 per cent. of landholders. In that area a non-resident rancher who only employed two men got £300 a year from general taxation, more than would pay the combined charges on 50 cottages in which nearly 300 people could reside.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions were adopted on the motion of Mr. M. Ryan, Pallasgreen, seconded by Senator Cummins, Kildare—(1) Demanding an inquiry into the whole question of labourers' cottages with regard to the formulation of a purchase scheme; (2) protesting against the recent penal circulars of the Local Government Department; (3) condemning the retrograde step taken in differentiating in the Housing Act, 1931, against the rural worker and the working farmer; (4) that in the distribution of grass lands by the Land Commission the claims of cottiers and villagers should receive consideration.

Mr. W. Davin, T.D., and Mr. A. Cassidy, T.D., addressed the meeting, and promised the organisation their support. Mr. P. Clancy, T.D., was among those present.

Messrs. Kerins and O'Farrell acted as secretaries.

FOOD AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Glasgow—Cattle, good demand. Edinburgh—Fair demand for Cattle. Wakefield—Slow sale. Rubber dearer. Wheat dearer. Tin firmer. Copper steady.

CATTLE.

GLASGOW.—Three hundred cattle offered. Quality above late average. Best classes handyweight bullocks and heifers in good demand. Top quality, extreme, 62/6; current, 55/- to 58/-; secondary, 40/- upwards per live cwt. Twenty-five hundred sheep hoggets met a sharper enquiry. Ewes maintained recent rates. Down hoggets, 52/-; half-breds, 46/-; crosses, 44/9; half-bred ewes, 43/-; Cheviots, 40/-; blackfaced, 33/6.

EDINBURGH.—Small supplies of store cattle and milk cows. No sheep offered. There was a fair demand for cattle. Polled bullocks sold to £19 and stirks to £15. Quiet trade for cows. Best sorts sold to £32 15/-.

WAKEFIELD.—Moderate supply, with slow demand. Small hogg sheep, 11d. per lb.; medium, 10d.; large, 9d.; ewes, 5d. to 6d.; tups, 4d.; lambs, 11d. to 1/-; best English beef, 9d. per lb.; secondary, 8½d.; fat cows and bulls, 5d. to 6½d. Cattle, 106; sheep, 314.

DONNELLY, DUBLIN.

Pigs under 6 stone..... 70/- per cwt., dead-weight
" " 7 " ..... 65/- " "
" " 13 " ..... 60/- " "
" " 14 " ..... 54/- " "
" " 16 " ..... 50/- " "
Heavy Pigs and Sows... 40/- " "
All subject to our terms of buying.
Extra fat pigs will be cut. —(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT cargo market quiet, but prices the turn dearer for North American grades on firm overseas cables and depreciation in sterling exchange. Australian, however, rather easier on freer offers. No. 2 Northern Manitoba Pacific shipment afloat sellers 29/3, New South Wales January 28/-, West Australian shipping/shipped 28/3, South ditto January 28/-. Parcels occasionally 3d. per quarter dearer, but trading slow. No. 1 Northern Manitoba Vancouver shipment January sellers 32/1½, No. 2 ditto 29/-, No. 3 28/3, No. 4 Manitoba January 27/6; West Australian January-February 28/6 per quarter of 480lb. Futures firm. Canadian at 1d. per quarter advance, but others unchanged on balance. Quotations at 1.15 p.m. per quarter of 480lb.—Manitoba grade January 27/6, March 28/-, May 28/4, July 28/9; London grade January 24/10, June 25/5. Select—Manitoba grade March 28/-, London grade June 25/9. MAIZE cargoes quiet on about former terms. Plate afloat sellers 18/9, January 19/-, February 19/9. Parcels quietly steady; Plate afloat sellers 17/- to 17/6 as to position, January-February sold 17/10½. February-March sellers 19/1½ per quarter of 480lb. BARLEY firmly held on scanty offers. Parcels No. 3 Canadian Western January sellers 24/10½. Plate 61/62 kilos January-February 21/-, ditto 64/65 kilos January-February 22/-; Persian January 22/- per quarter of 400lb.; Californian superior January sellers 41/- per quarter of 448lb. OATS inactive; Plate afloat sellers 15/6, January-February, also February-March 14/-; No. 2 Canadian Western Vancouver shipment January 20/6, No. 3 ditto 19/6 per quarter of 320lb.

MARK LANE CORN.—Spot trade (weekly) market was thinly attended, and business correspondingly small. Prices, however, remained firm for landed parcels owing to congestion arising from the lighterman's strike. WHEAT slightly firmer. No. 1 Northern Manitoba ex ship 34/3, No. 2 ditto 31/-, No. 3 ditto 30/3, No. 4 Manitoba 29/9, hard winter 29/6, Australian 29/6 to 30/3, Russian on sample 26/- to 28/- per 480 lb. ENGLISH—National mark prices—English long sides, select 5/- to 5/4, do. prime 4/- to 4/8, do. good 4/- to 4/4; Irish long sides (Birkenhead-killed), prime 4/6 to 4/10, general prices—English and Irish unchanged. Irish long sides 4/4 to 5/4, do. hindquarters, forerib and flank 5/- to 5/8; Irish long sides (Birkenhead-killed) 4/4 to 4/10, do. hindquarters, forerib and flank 4/8 to 5/2. Pork trade dull with values lower. POLK—English, under 10st. 5/4 to 5/8, do. 10 to 15st. 5/- to 5/4, do. 15 to 20st. 4/4 to 4/10; Irish 4/8 to 5/4, do. suckers 4/4 to 5/-.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—Usual small mid-week supply came on market, and a whole cabbage was a poor, at the following:—York cabbage, 20/-, large load; small, 7/- to 10/-; Savoy, large, 10/- to 13/6; small 6/- to 8/-; swedes, 1/- to 1/3 cwt.; mangolds, 1/3; onions, 15/- to 20/- barrel; sprouts, 2/4 to 2/6 chip; kegs, 7/-; leeks, 2d. bunch; and parsley 6d. tray.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies very light, but sufficient for quiet trade at 10/- per cwt., best table qualities.

CORK BUTTER.—Inquiry continues steady, and prices unchanged. Creameries, 150/- per cwt.

SMITHFIELD POULTRY AND GAME.—Market steady. Quotations:—Surrey chicken, 1/1 to 1/5; country, 10d. to 1/1; Irish, 10d. to 1/2; Belgian, 1/3 to 1/5; Dutch, 1/- to 1/2; English hens, old, 8½d. to 9d.; country ducklings, 10d. to 11d.; English geese, 9d. to 11d.; rabbits, 5d. to 6d. per lb.; partridges, best young, 2/3 to 3/-; seconds, 1/9 to 2/3; old, 10d. to 11d.; English hares, 2/- to 2/6; Scotch, 1/- to 1/3; pheasants, 3/- to 3/6; seconds, 2/3 to 2/6 each. Eggs—English, ordinary packing, grade 1, 17/6 to 18/6; grade 2, 14/6 to 15/6 per 120.

DUBLIN FISH.—On offer, 180 boxes mixed catch from 3 steam trawlers, 6 chests lobster, 50 boxes herrings, and a poor amount from country and local senders. Demand equal to an early clearance, at the following:—Lobsters, 12/6 to 15/- per 13, large; medium, 7/6 to 10/-; small, 2/6 to 5/-; soles, 40/- to 60/- per 9 pairs, large; medium, 20/- to 25/-; slips, 10/- to 12/6; turbot, 6d. to 12/6 each; brill, 6d. to 5/- each; herrings, 14/- to 15/- box; plaice, small and large, 20/- to 100/- per half box; cod, 20/- to 60/-; whiting, 10/- to 40/-; ling, 10/- to 12/6; ray, 12/6 to 25/-; hake, 10/- to 50/-; haddock, 10/- to 30/-; pollock, 12/6 to 15/-; conger eels, 5/- to 12/6; garnard, 5/- to 7/6; and white soles, 20/- to 35/-.

BILLINGSGATE FISH. — Soles, 18d. to 24d.; slips, 10d. to 15d.; lobsters, 24d. to 36d. per pound; live eels, 12/- to 26/- per head, 60/- to 72/- draught; turbot, 12/- to 15/-; brill, 10/- to 12/-; plaice, 6/- to 13/-; halibut, 14/- to 17/-; lemon soles, 10/- to 18/-; hake, 9/- to 13/-; mackerel, 8/-; skate wings, 5/- to 7/-; haddocks, 3/- to 7/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—The market in general presents a firm tone, sellers, doubtless, being buoyed by latest crop estimate for Europe approximating to 3,000,000 tons less than last season. No change in quotations of British refined, and moderate support accorded. Granulated unaltered. Terminal dearer, with reserve of sellers quite a feature. Fair transactions include February 6/11½, March 7/1 to 7/2, May 7/3½ to 7/4; August 7/4½ to 7/6, December 7/8½ to 7/9½. COFFEE—East African sorts continue in demand at very high rates, but otherwise a quiet tone prevails. COCOA—Spot market generally dull. Forward slow, and rates eased slightly. Accra G/F January-March 25/6 c.i.f. Continent. RUBBER market steady and without new feature. Sheet spot and January 9½d., March 9¾d., April-June 9¾d., July-September 9¾d., October-December 9¾d. to 9¾d., January-March, 1933, at 9¾d. JUTE market slightly steadier on balance, sellers exhibiting more reserve, but only a very moderate amount of business was effected. Firsts December-January sold £18 17/6 to £19, January-February £19 17/6, February-March £20 5/-; March-April quoted £20 12/6, lightings January-February quoted £18 5/-, hearis £17, Daisee £17 15/-, and Tossa January-February sold £18 5/- c.i.f. SHELLAC market opened easier forward, but closed firmer. B.N. spot 70/-, March sold 64/6 to 65/-, May at 67/6, January-February shipment quoted 61/- c.i.f. TEA—Indian auctions produced 24,464 packages, and, with fair competition, a generally better tone prevailed than on Monday last. Common medium, best grades firm, medium, though irregular, faring better in the main. London stocks on 31st ulto. are on a smaller scale than December, 1930. Pekoe sold 6½d. to 1/1, broken 6½d. to 1/4, orange 7d. to 1/7, broken orange 7d. to 2/2½, fannings 6½d. to 2/1. TALLOW—At the resumption of public sales 831 casks of Australasian were offered, and, with a moderate demand, 431 casks sold at 1/- 1/6 per cwt. decline on the last auction. Mutions negiected. Quotations:—Mutton, fair to fine, 22/6 to 25/-; good ditto, 21/- to 26/-; mixed fair to good, 21/- to 24/6 per cwt. Arrivals during the past week, 5,593 casks.

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"SCAB CATTLE."

SIX FARMERS' ACTION IN DUBLIN MILK DISPUTE.

A case arising out of the Dublin milk dispute, in which six farmers of Castlewarden were charged with malicious injury on December 17 to fifteen cattle, belonging to William and Alfred Beatty, of Lockstown, Milltown, came on at Kilmainham District Court yesterday.

Superintendent O'Reilly explained that the cattle were driven four or five miles and decorated with cards bearing the words "scab cattle."

Mr. Reddin said that Mr. Beatty could sell his milk at whatever price he liked, and the defendants should not have molested him. He dismissed the charges under the Probation Act, and ordered each defendant to pay 20s. as compensation to Messrs. Beatty, and 20s. costs each.

NEW ZEALAND WOOL SALES.

Seventeen thousand bales were offered at the wool sale at Launceston. A good clearance was effected, the bulk of the offerings being taken by local manufacturers, Scotland and Japan, and good support coming from the United Kingdom as a whole and the Continent. Bradford only made very small purchases. It is estimated that the average prices obtained represent an advance of 20 per cent. on last year's average of 8½d. The top price was 30½d., paid by the Continent for six bales of superfine merino wool, this price being 6d. higher than the Australian record for this season. Quotations showed an improvement of 5 to 10 per cent. on the closing rates at the last Melbourne sale. A feature of the sale was the advance compared with last year in the prices for cross-bred and three-quarter-bred, quotations being 50 per cent. higher in some cases.

There was a brighter tone at yesterday's wool sale at Wellington than at the sale held in December. Nearly 19,000 bales were offered. Passings were fewer than in December, and over 14,000 were sold. A full bench of buyers was present, and competition was frequently excited for desirable lots. Continental representatives, particularly French and German, were the principal operators. Bradford was more reserved, while Japanese demand was keener than at December sales. Prices for medium cross-breds were on a par to a farthing higher than in December. Good half-breds were keenly sought and advanced a halfpenny, and prices for the lower qualities were unchanged.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES.

At yesterday's wool sale at Sydney the offerings amounted to 9,636 bales, of which 9,268 were sold. Private sales totalled 997 bales. There was an average selection. The market was firm at Tuesday's level. Japanese demand was again the outstanding feature, Yorkshire and Continental support being limited. Prices continued to show a hardening tendency for medium to average topmaking wools. Greasy merino and comeback fetched up to 13½d. and cross-bred up to 10d.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

LIST RALLIES VIGOROUSLY AND CLOSES STRONG.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The Stock Exchange to-day opened firm, yesterday's late rally being resumed in the early trading. At the same time, commission houses are advising the exercise of caution pending constructive developments.

The market subsequently developed pronounced strength in active trading before profit-taking caused slight reactions. Support quickly re-appeared, the market, which had given signs of being in an oversold condition, rallying vigorously.

With the news from Washington and abroad helping to dissipate the recent gloom, the market later in the session crept higher in a range of 2 to 11 points, with Shorts being caught napping in some volatile issues.

Financial quarters are particularly encouraged by advices that Congress may pass this week the measure for a two billion dollar reconstruction finance corporation, which is designed to provide ready credit in emergencies to financial institutions, railroads and other important concerns.

Moreover, private banking advices indicated to-day that marked progress had been made abroad in reaching an international agreement on the question of German debts.

The list continued to advance late in the session, in spite of occasional profit-taking, and the market at the close was strong.

Steel mill activity is estimated at 24 per cent. of capacity, as against 22 per cent. last week.

Westinghouse Electric to-day declared a quarterly dividend of 62½ cents., which is unchanged from the previous disbursement.

Government Bonds were irregular. Railroad Bonds were firm.

The day's sales totalled approximately 1,800,000 shares.

Money on call closed steady at 3 per cent. bid and 3½ per cent. asked.

All business done during the day was concluded at 3 per cent. Sterling in New York to-day ruled easier. Silver ⅛c. lower at 20⅞.

	Wed	Tues.
Call Money	3b. 3⅛	3b. 3⅛
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	3.35¼	3.35⅛
Do. Do Demand Bills	3.35⅝	3.35⅝
Cable Transfers	3.35⅞	3.35⅞
Do. Montreal	3.86½	3.86½
Exchange, Paris cable	3.92⅛	3.92⅛

Eng Parity	STOCKS.	Closing Bid Wed	Tues.
119⅞	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	80½	78⅜
114⅞	Do. Preferred	77	76
21⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	14½	13½
21⅛	Canadian Pacific (New Stock)	14⅜	13⅞
40⅛	Chesapeake and Ohio Com.	27½	26
3⅜	Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	1⅞	1⅞
9⅜	Chicago and North West	4½	4⅜
5⅜	Erie 4th Preferred	2⅛	2
11⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	6	5⅞
13⅛	Illinois Central	20½	19⅞
23	Louisville and Nashville	22	21¼
9⅛	Missouri Pacific	3¼	3
43⅞	New York Central & Hudson R.	29	28
17⅛	Norfolk and West Com.	115	110
27	Northern Pacific Com.	18¼	18
27½	Pennsylvania Shares	18⅝	17⅝
46⅜	Reading Shares	31½	30⅜
41⅛	Southern Pacific	28	25⅞
29	Southern Railway	8½	7¾
104⅞	Union Pacific	70½	69
87⅛	American Can. (New Stock)	59	58⅛
22⅛	American Smelting (New Stock)	15½	15
15⅞	Anaconda Copper	10⅛	9
28½	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	19⅝	18¾
99⅞	Consolidated Gas (New York)	80½	78
36	General Electric (New Stock)	24	23⅛
32¼	General Motors (New)	21¾	19½
4⅝	Inter. Mer Marine Com. Certs.	3⅛	3
12⅛	International Nickel	8⅛	7⅝
126½	National Lead	85	82¼
26⅞	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	18	16
8½	Radio Corporation	5⅞	5¼
21⅞	Royal Dutch (New)	14½	13⅝
8⅜	Shell Transport and Trading	5⅛	4⅞
4⅜	Shell Union Oil	3¼	3
8¼	U.S. Rubber	3⅝	3⅜
52½	United States Steel Common	35½	34
153⅜	Do. Preferred	105	102
18⅞	Brazilian Traction	10⅝	10
18⅛	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	12¼	11⅞
18⅛	Do. Registered	12¼	11⅞
13⅜	International Pet., Canada, New	9⅛	8⅝
—	Silver Commercial Bars	29⅝	30¼
	BONDS.		
136½	U.K. 5½% Bonds, 1937	91⅞	91
—	Do. Funding Loan 4%	—	—
—	Do. War Loan 5%	—	—
138⅛	U.S.Treasury 3½% Bds, 1946-56	93⅝	94
95⅛	7% German Maternal Loan	64½	64⅞

SUPPLEMENTARY. NEW YORK PRICES.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Parity	STOCKS.	Wed	Tues
	Air Reduction	50¾	47½
	Allied Chemical	68⅝	63½
	American Super Power	—	3
	American Tel. and Tel.	114⅞	109¼
	American Tobacco "B"	70¼	67
	American Waterworks	28½	26⅝
	Brazil Stab. 6½ p.c., 1957	11⅜	11⅛
	Curtis Tarchting	35⅝	32
	Chrysler Corp.	13⅜	12⅞
	Drug Incorp.	51⅝	48½
	Du Pont	48⅜	46⅛
	Eastman Kodak	74⅝	70⅜
	Electric Bond and Share	11⅞	9⅝
	Electric Power and Light	11⅝	10½
	Gillette Safety Razor	14⅛	13⅛
	Goodyear Tyre	17½	17½
	International Harvester	24¼	22¾
	International Tel and Tel.	8⅜	8
	John-Manville	18⅛	16⅝
	Kelsey-Hayes Wheel	11⅞	10⅛
	Kreuger and Toll	5⅝	4⅞
	Liggett and Myers "B"	47¾	46
	Lambert Co.	47½	45
	McKeesport Tin	49⅜	45⅞
	Montgomery Ward	9¼	7⅝
	National Biscuit	40⅝	38
	National Cash Register	9⅝	7⅝
	National Dairy Products	22⅞	21¼
	National Power and Light	14	12½
	North American Company	33½	30¼
	Paramount Publix	7¾	7¼
	Public Service of New Jersey	53⅜	50⅝
	Radio Corp. of America	6⅜	5¼
	Radio Keith Orpheum	3⅞	3
	Reynolds Tobacco "B"	34½	33
	Royal Dutch	14⅜

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN IDLE.

PRICES IRREGULAR.

Business on Dublin Stock Exchange showed no signs of expansion yesterday, but there and there prices hardened. Funds, both Free State and British, made a mixed showing. Dublin New Fives rose to par. Dealings in Banks were featureless.

Railway issues were weak, and all price changes were to lower levels. Dublin Tram Pref. repeated 143s. 9d.

Guinness units showed no recovery, and, after touching 78s. 6d., closed at 78s. 9d. B. and I. Pref. fell sevenpence to 13s. 9d. Alliance Gas rose ⅛ to 10⅜.

The feature of the Industrial market was the comparative firmness of Sewing Cottons in view of the reduction of the dividend to a five per cent. basis. The marking here was 27s. 9d., as compared with 29s. in Manchester on Tuesday night. Naturally, Coats gave way to the extent of a shilling. Courtaulds also closed lower. The "bid" prices for the Tobacco issues were both better. Unilever (N.V.) lost the turn, and Burmah Oil came to business at 34s. 9d.

LONDON FIRM.

GILT-EDGED AGAIN GOOD.

Although the volume of dealings passing in the London Stock markets yesterday showed signs of broadening, it cannot be said that trading was anywhere on an active scale. Despite the continued slackness of attention, however, decidedly firmer conditions developed in practically every department, and prices were not slow to respond to the change in sentiment, with the result that at the end a lengthy list of more or less substantial appreciations was shown, while in only a few directions did quotations show a loss on the day's business. The Industrial sections especially made a good recovery from their recent setback. The receipt of more favourable advices from Wall Street was reflected in the trans-Atlantic issues, a good demand at improving values being encountered. Following the previous day's appreciable improvement British Funds opened on a strong note, and quotations advanced further in the early dealings. Around midday an easier tendency became apparent, but quotations firmed up again in the afternoon, and finished nearly at the best.

India stocks also continued on the up grade, but Australians and others of the Colonial Government stocks were idle, though they maintained a steady appearance. There was not a great deal of interest passing in the market for Foreign Government stocks, and the general tone was irregular. German Bonds, however, again made a good showing, the Sevens rising a further 1½ points to 62½, while the 5½ p.c. finished at 49½. A somewhat firmer tone was apparent among British Rails, and values marked fractional improvements in several instances, despite the adverse traffic returns. Among Colonial and Foreign Rails, the Buenos Ayres issues strengthened, as did "Can. Pacs.," but others were neglected though generally maintaining a steady appearance. While not a great deal of business was transacted in the Industrial markets, the general trend of values was favourable to holders, and in many cases the previous day's recessions were more than made good. Tobaccos gained ground, and Banks and Matches were other firm markets. Anglo-Americans were supported on the better advices from Wall Street, and Cables and Wireless showed a firmer front.

DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

FUNDS STEADY. GUINNESS LOWER. INDUSTRIALS IDLE.

In Funds, Second National Loan eased ⅛ at 100⅜. Land Bonds were marked 88⅛ bid and 88⅜ asked, and ditto (small lots under £200) repeated 88⅛. Consols fell ⅛ at 55⅛, and 5 p.c. War Loan put on ⅞ at 96½. Funding Loan was marked 84⅜ bid and 85⅜ asked, and Victory Bonds gained 1⅛ at 90⅛. Dublin Corporation 5 p.c. Inscr. improved 1 at 100.

Munster and Leinster Bank unchanged at 5⅛, and National hardened 3d. at 45s. 9d.

Guinness shed 3d. at 78s. 9d. after 78s. 9d., 78s. 6d. and 78s. 7½d., and Power Pref. unaltered at 13s.

B. and I. Pref. lost 7d. at 13s. 9d.

In Rails, Great Northern Debs. dropped ⅛ at 51, and Great Southern Prefs. ⅛ at 20⅛ after 20¼.

Dublin Tramways Pref. repeated 143s. 9d. Alliance Gas were ⅛ better at 10⅜.

Crowe Wilson Pref. unchanged at 5s.

Among Industrials, C. ⅞ fell 1s. at 39s., Courtaulds 4½d. at 34s. 7½d., Sewing Cottons 4s. 3d. at 27s. 9d., Unilever N.V. 1½d. at 26s. 1½d., and Burmah Oil changed hands at 34s. 9d.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Second Ln..(100⅛) 100⅛	Alliance Gas..(10⅜) 10⅜
Land Bonds (88⅛) 88⅛	Crowe Wilson Pref. (5/-) 5/-
88⅛b 88⅜a	
Do. (small lots under £200) .....(88⅛) 88⅛	Brad. Dyers (17/6) 17/-b 17/6a
Consols .....(55⅛) 55⅛	B.A.T. (74/7½) 75/b 75/9a
5% War Loan (96⅛) 96⅛ *⅛	Calico Printers (7/7½) 7/6b 7/6a
Funding Loan (84) 84⅛b 85⅛a	Coats .....(40/-) 39/-
Vict. Bonds...(88⅛) 90⅛	Courtaulds..(35/-) 34/7½
Dub. Corp. 5% Inscr. (99c) 100c	Dunlops (14/10½) 14/9b 15/a
Mun. & Lein. Bank (5⅛) 5⅛	Sew. Cottons.(32/-) 27/9
National ....(45⅛) 45/9	Chemicals (14/14) 14/3b 14/6a
Guinness (79⅛) 78/9 *8/7½ *8/9	Imp. Tobac. (74/4½) 74/9b 75/9a
Power Pref. (13⅛) 13/-	Lever 7% Pref. (20/9) 20/10½b 21/-a
B. & I. Pref.(14/4) 13/9	Do. 8% Pref. (20/4½) 20/4½a
Cables A.(18) 16½b 17⅛a	Unilever N.V. (26/3) 26/1⅛
Do. B..(10⅛) 10⅜b 11a	Vickers...(8/3) 8/-b 8/3a
Do. Pref..(47) 47⅜b	Burmah Oil 34/9
G.N. Deb....(51⅛) 51	Shells (34/7½) 34/9b 35/9a
G.S. Ord.....(8⅛) 8⅜b	
Do. Pref...(21c) 20½ *⅛	
Do. Deb.....(45½) 50a	
Dublin Trams..... (145/6) 143/9	

* Odd lot. a asked, b bid, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Irish Banks' Rate (Sept. 28, 1931)	6½ p.c.
Loans on Government Stocks transferred	6 p.c.
Deposits under £500	3 p.c.
Deposits of £500 and under £2,000	3½ p.c.
Deposits of £2,000 and over	4 p.c.

The rates in the foregoing table are subject to variation.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 18
Ticket	Jan. 19
Intermediate	Jan. 20
Account Day	Jan. 7 Jan. 21

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange moderately active. In gilt-edged, Funding Loan was done at 85⅛. Local Loans 61⅛, War Fives changed hands at 96⅛, 96⅛, 96⅛. Ulster 5 per cent. Loan was recorded at 97⅛ for business previous day.

Industrials were dull. Gallaher Pref. were done at 21s., Mexican Eagles 5s. 8½d., Imperial Chemicals 14s. 3d., British Celanese First Pref. 8s. 3d.

CORK.

Cash and Co. Pref. buyers 14s., Cork Gas buyers 5½, Cork Corporation old buyers 78, new buyers 65; John Daly Ord. buyers 55s., Debs. buyers 35; Gresham Hotels buyers, Imperial Hotel Pref. buyers 65s.; Murphys Debs. buyers 79, Musgrave 6 per cent. Pref. buyers, Ryan Pref. buyers.

COMPANY NOTICES.

THE HIBERNIAN BANK, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the next Half-Yearly General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Head Office, College Green, Dublin, on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1932, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to receive the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts for the half-year ended 31st December, 1931; to elect two Directors in room of those retiring by rotation, and to elect an Auditor for the present year.

The Directors retiring by rotation are Charles Ernest Lambkin, Esq., and Patrick Joseph Brady, Esq. They are eligible, and offer themselves for re-election.

Notice is also hereby given that the transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 15th January to the 25th January, both days inclusive.

ALFRED T. COLLINS, General Manager.
37 College Green, Dublin, 6th January, 1932.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

Wednesday Night.

STOCKS AND SHARES:

London firm.

Dublin idle.

Manchester Textiles dull.

Birmingham Motor shares inactive.

New York strong.

MONEY:

Bank of England Rate	6	p.c.
Last Year	3	p.c.
Irish Banks' Rate	6½	p.c.
Ditto Deposits under £500	3	p.c.
Ditto Deposits over £500 and under £2,000	3½	p.c.
Deposits of £2,000 and over	4	p.c.
London Day-to-Day Loans	4-3½	p.c.
London Fine 3-Months' Bills	5⅛-⅜	p.c.

THE INDUSTRIAL MARKET.

INTERNATIONALS RALLY.

Although hesitation was still observable in places, a brighter tendency developed in most sections of the Industrial market yesterday. This was attributed to more favourable reports regarding the international situation, there being talk of a five years' moratorium for war debts. A more active trading was reported during the afternoon than for some time past, though most of the business was on account of professional operators.

With Wall street in a buying mood, the Transatlantic counters gathered fresh strength. U.S. Steels recovered to 58 at one time, eventually closing at 57½. Nickels advanced to 11⅞, Brazilian Tractions to 14⅜, Hydros to 9⅜ and Radios to 8⅛. "Emmies" reflected American tendencies, the final quotation of 18s. 7½d. leaving them 10½d. higher on balance.

Cables and Wireless stocks developed a firmer appearance in sympathy with the general trend. The Pref. stock gained ½ to 47, the "A" Ord. ½ to 17, and the "B" Ord. ⅜ to 10⅜.

Signs of more activity in the home market for Iron and Steel was reflected in share values. Babcocks took the lead with an improvement of 1s. 6d. to 44s. 9d., Guest Keens hardened to 15s. 9d., and Vickers to 8s. 6d.

Motors gave a rather mixed display. Fords, Thomas Tilling, Leylands and Austins received moderate support, but Dennis, Rolls Royce and Rovers were dull spots.

The leading Tobacco shares attracted attention, with most of the interest centred around "Bats," which advanced ⅞ to 34⅛. "Imps" gained the turn at 34⅛, and Gallahers at 1⅞.

Breweries failed to derive much benefit from the general change in sentiment, though prices hardened in places. Bass gained a few pence at 45s. 9d., and Ind Coope at 43s. 6d. On the other hand, Benskins were offered at 24s. 6d., Guinness at 79s. 3d., Mitchells and Butlers at 36s., and South African Breweries Ord. at 47s., the last-named showing a decline of 1s.

Textiles generally remained on the dull side. Linen Thread, however, proved an exception, with an improvement of ⅛ to 1⅛. This company's report is due at the end of the month. Sewing Cottons remained around 27s. 6d. on the halving of the interim dividend, while J. and P. Coats gave way 7½d. to 39s. 7½d., with "Slubbers" offered at 3s. 3d. and Wardles at 1⅛. The rest closed without net change.

Rayons presented a firmer front. Courtaulds recovered Tuesday's loss, closing buyers at 35s. 1½d.; with the Preference shares a trifle better at 18s. British Celanese Ordinary hardened 3d. to 9s. 9d., while American and Canadian Celanese closed quietly steady.

In the Provision group, Lovell and Christmas moved up 1s to 2s, while the Unilever issues strengthened 1/32 in the latter dealings to 1⅛. Tate and Lyles again showed a drooping tendency at first, but later recovered to the overnight level. Home and Colonials hardened to 13s. 1½d.

Late advices from New York were reflected in another improvement of 6d. in Woolworth Ordinaries at 50s., and the Preference reached par. Elsewhere Debenhams Securities Pref. again attracted attention, and put on 4½d. to 5s. 4½d. Waring Ordinaries, however, were scaled down a few pence to 2s.

The early strength of the funds and further consideration of the Westminster announcement resulted in further advances in home Banking issues.

Insurance descriptions continued their upward trend.

Early New York advices and the improved sentiment regarding the Continental position resulted in a sharp advance in Krenger and Toll and Swedish Match. The former rose ⅛ to 7⅛, and the latter ½ to 5⅜. Following recent weakness, Pinchin Johnsons attracted support and recovered 1s. 4½d. to 22s., while Spillers continued under the influence of impending developments in connection with the wheat quota. The Ordinary moved up 6d. to 33s., and the Deferred 4½d. to 14s. 9d., while Associated Flour Millers came in for some attention around 10s. 6d.

Imperial Chemical Ordinaries left off 6d. better at 14s. 7½d., and the Deferred 3d. higher at 4s. 6d., while the Preference hardened to 19s. 1½d. The full Turner and Newall accounts were regarded as satisfactory, and the shares responded to the extent of 10½d. to 24s. 3d.

Triplex Glass put on 1s. to 32s. 3d. Exceptionally, Dunlops proved a dull spot, and receded 3d. to 14s. 9d.

OIL SHARES HARDER.

Conditions in the Oil share market yesterday were distinctly brighter than for some days past, although it cannot be claimed that the volume of transactions showed much expansion. Price movements without exception were in the upward direction. The main reason for the firmness which developed in international counters was to be found in a keen demand from Paris, the shares mainly affected being Royal Dutch, Shells and the Eagle issues, all of which moved to higher levels. Other leading counters participated in the improvement, while several of the more speculative favourites strengthened, prominent among them being Apex (Trinidad), Trinidad Leaseholds, V.O.C. and Lobitos.

RUBBER SHARES QUIET.

Trading was again on a restricted scale in the Rubber share market, and, in the absence of attention, share values were not greatly changed, the lower levels returned in several directions on the previous day being repeated. Quiet conditions also characterised the raw material market, but the firmer values ruling at the commencement were well maintained. Thus spot and January fetched 3⅞d. per pound, March 3¾d. per pound, and April to June 3¾d. per pound.

RAYON MARKET.

CHEERFUL OUTLOOK.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

MANCHESTER, Wednesday.

A fairly cheerful tone was evident in the rayon piece goods market for the start of the year. Some makers have more work before them than for many months, but others are not so favourably placed. The home trade has again provided most of the business. This has been principally in high-class dress goods, such as satins, voiles and crepes, while linings have also moved moderately well. Modest support has been lent to furnishings and casement cloths, and lingerie and corset goods have sold steadily for various outlets.

Foreign demand remains rather quiet. The best outlets are Canada, New Zealand and Australia, but the quantities booked are not large. India is doing very little, but more is expected now that the Government is adopting sterner measures. There is less about for China, but Egypt and South America have booked a shade more.

All qualities of yarn have sold fairly substantially, and stocks are smaller.

DECEMBER TIN OUTPUTS.

Ayer Hitam, 115 tons; Berail, 15 tons; Lahat, 134 tons; Sungei Way, 77½ tons.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

	Closing.	Rise or fall.
Consols 2½%	55⅛	55⅛	+ ⅛
Do. 4%	82¼	82⅜	+ ⅛
War Loan 4½%	93	94	+ ⅛
Do. 5%	96⅝	96⅞	+ ⅛
Funding Loan	84⅞	85⅛	+ ⅛
Victory Bonds	89¼	90⅛	+ ⅛
2½% Conversion Loan	70¼	70⅝	+ ⅜
4½% Conversion Loan	93⅝	93⅞	+ ⅛
5% Conversion Loan	99⅛	100⅛	+ ⅛
Irish Free State 4½% Land Bonds	87	88	.....
India 3 %	43	44	+ ⅛
Do. 3½%	30	32	.....
Do. 4½%	68	70	+ ⅛
Do. 5½%	99½	100½	+ ⅛
Local Loans	61⅛	62	.....
Sudan 5½%	103	106	.....

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5 p.c.	73	80	.....
Do. do. 6 p.c.	87	92	.....
British Columbia 4½ p.c., 1941	91	94	.....
Canada 4 p.c., 1940-60	92	96	.....
Cape 3½ p.c. Cons.	73	76	.....
Ceylon 6 p.c.	99	103	.....
N.S.W. 5 p.c., 1945-65	69	74	.....
Do. 6 p.c., 1930-40	82	87	.....
New Zealand 6 p.c., 1936-53	97	97	.....
Do. 5 p.c., 1946	83	88	.....
Nigeria 6 p.c.	102	108	.....
Queensland 5 p.c., 1940-50	79	86	.....
South African 5 p.c., 1935-43	90	94	.....
South Australian 5 p.c., 1929-49	73	78	.....
Do. 4 p.c., 1940-60	73	78	.....
Victoria 5 p.c., 1939-49	73	78	.....
Do. 5 p.c., 1945-75	73	78	.....
Western Australian 5 p.c., 1945-75	73	78	.....
Do. 6 p.c., 1930-40	84	89	.....

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	17/16	1 1/16	-1/8
Bank of Australasia	8	8½	.....
Bank of England	335	345	+1
Bank of Montreal	44	46	.....
Bank of New South Wales	22½	23⅛	.....
Bank of New Zealand	2¼	2⅜	.....
Barclay's "A" Shares	2¼	2⅜	+ ⅛
British Overseas	3¼	4¼	.....
Canadian of Commerce	40	45	.....
Chartered of India	9½	10½	.....
Hong Kong and Shanghai	10	10½	.....
Lloyds	42/0	44/0	+0/6
Midland	8¾	9⅛	+ ⅛
National Discount "B"	9¾	10	+1
National Provincial (£4 pd.)	9¾	10⅛	.....
Royal of Canada	44	50	.....
Standard of South Africa	5	5½	.....
Union of Australasia	5¼	6	.....
Westminster Bank (£1)	57/0	60/0	+0/6

FOREIGN BONDS.

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89	Austrian 6 p.c. Guar.	89	90	+ ½
94	Belgian 7 p.c.	93½	94½	.....
36	Brazil 6½ p.c. S. Bds. '27	34¼	35¼	— ¼
72	Do. 5 p.c. Fund, 1898	70½	71½	.....
58½	Do. 5 p.c. do. 1914	57	58	.....
84½	Chinese 4½ p.c. 1898	83	84	.....
40	Do. 5 p.c. 1912	39½	40½	— ½
63	Do. 5 p.c. Reorg. 1913	60½	61½	.....
68	Chinese Imp. Ry. 5% Gold	66	71	.....
39	Do. Shanghai-Nanking 5 p.c.	37	42	.....
12	Do. Tientsin - Pukow 5 p.c.	5	15	.....
80	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	80	81	+1½
80	Egyptian Unified	79½	80½	.....
29¼	French Loan 5 p.c.	29	29⅛	— ⅛
27¾	Do. 4 p.c.	27⅜	28	— ¼
56½	German 7 p.c.	62	63	+1½
70	Greek 7 p.c.	69	71	.....
27	Italian Rentes	25	27	.....
—	Japan 6 p.c. 1924	79	80	.....
7¼	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	7	10	.....
7¾	Do. do. 10-Y. Treas.	7	10	.....
—	Peru Internal 7 p.c.	23	25	.....
2½	Peruvian Corporation	2½	3	.....
11	Do. Pref.	11	12	.....
46	Do. Deb.	46	48	.....
68	Poland 7 p.c. Sterling	67	69	+1
—	Portuguese 3 p.c.	41½	42½	.....
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	40	40	.....
5½	Turkish Unified	4½	5½	.....

BRITISH RAILS.

44½	Great Western	43¼	46½	+ ½
—	Do. Pref.	69	71	.....
18¼	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	18¼	19¼	+ ¼
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	45	47	.....
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	64	67	.....
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	35½	37½	.....
12¾	Ldn. North-East 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	12½	13½	+ ¼
6	Do. Def. Ord.	5⅞	6⅝	.....
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	45	47	.....
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	30½	32½	+ ½
35½	Metropolitan	20	21	+ ¼
60	Do. District	59	61	.....
36½	Southern Pref. Ord.	35	39	.....
10½	Do. Def. Ord.	10¼	10¾	+ ½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	69½	72	— ½
19.0	Underground Elec (£1)	18/6	19/3	.....
—	Do. Income Bonds	94	99	.....

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

17	Antofagasta Ord.	16	20	.....
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	23	28	.....
—	Bahia Blanca Gwar. 8%	63	66	.....
27½	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	27½	30½	+ ½
22½	Buenos Ayres & Pacific	22	25	.....
27	Buenos Ayres and W.	26½	29½	+ ½
—	Canadian National Gwar.	63	67	.....
16¾	Canadian Pacific (£25)	17	19	+1
38½	Central Argentine	36½	40	+1
25	Do. Def.	23	26	.....
15	Central Uruguay Ord.	15	17	.....
5	Cordoba Central	4	6	.....
—	Do. 1st Pref.	4	6	.....
—	Do. 2nd Pref.	7	9	-1
36	Entre Rios	35	38	.....
—	Do. Sum. Pref.	58	61	.....
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	64	74	.....
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	70	74	.....
—	Internat. of Cent. Amer	4	6	.....
13	Leopoldina	12½	14½	.....
29/0	Mexican Rails	1	2	.....
70 0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	1	2	.....
2	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	1	2	.....
97	Sao Paulo Ord.	94	99	.....
4	United Havana	3	5	.....

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	110	120	—5
—	Chicago Milwaukee New	2½	3½	+ ½
—	Erie	9	12	.....
—	Do. 1st Pref.	10	15	.....
—	New York Central	37	42	+2
—	New York Ontario	3	13	—1
—	Pennsylvania	24	29	.....
11	Southern Common	9	14	.....
—	Southern Pacific	37	42	+2
104	Union Pacific	96	101	—2

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

20/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	18/6	19/6*	.....
45/6	Bass, Ratcliff Ord.	45/9	47/6	+0/6
2/6	Brewers of Vancouver	2/3	2/9	.....
—	City of London Def. (5/-)	5/0	5/0	.....
37/6	Courage Ord.	33/6	37/6	.....
43/9	Distillers Ord.	43/3	44/3	.....
80/6	Guinness Ord. (£1 units)	78/9	79/3	—0/3
36/0	Hoare and Co.	35/0	37/0	.....
44/0	Ind Coope Ord.	43/6	44/0	+0/6
48/6	South African Breweries	46/0	48/0*	—1/0
—	Walker (John) Pref.	19/0	21 0*	.....
33/0	Watney Combe Def.	32/0	33/9	.....

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	55/3	57/3	+0/3
29/3	Charing Cross	29/0	30/0	.....
—	Chelsea Ord.	25/0	27/0	.....
34/0	City of London Def. (5/-)	33/0	34/0	.....
43/0	County of London	42/6	43/6	.....
—	Lancashire	22/6	23/6	.....
33/6	London Electric	33/0	34 0	.....
36/0	Metropolitan	34/3	37/3	.....
22 4½	Newcastle	21/9	22/9	.....
28/9	St. James's	27/9	29/0	.....
—	South London	24/6	26/6	.....
27/6	Westminster Electric	24/6	25/6	.....
—	Whitehall Tav Pref.	18/3	20/0	+0/3

INSURANCE.

—	Alliance £20 (£2 4/- p.)	15½	18½	+ ¼
—	Atlas £5 (£1 5/- paid)	9½	10½	.....
—	Com. Un (£2½ paid)	16½	17½	.....
—	Eagle Star Ord. £5	6¼	7¼	.....
—	Employers' £1 (5/- paid)	2¼	2⅞	.....
—	Gen. Accdt. £5 (£1¼ p.)	21½	23½	.....
—	Guardian £5 (10/- paid)	8	9	.....
—	L. & Lan. Fire £5 (£1 p.)	20	21	+ ¼
—	Lon. Ass. £2½ (£1¼ p.)	2¼	2¾	.....
—	N.B. & Mer. £25 (£1¼ p.)	25½	27½	+ ¾
—	Northern £10 (£2 10d. paid)	12½	13¾	.....
—	Phœnix £10 (£2 paid)	8¾	9¾	.....
—	Do. £1 (f.p.)	10	10½	+ ¼
—	Prudential £1 (4/- p.)	18	19	+ ¼
—	Royal Exchange	1½	1⅝	.....
—	Royal Ins. £1 (10/- p.)	6	6½	.....
—	Sun Ins. £10	25½	27½	.....
—	Sun Life (£1)	2½	2⅝	.....
—	Yorkshire 50/- (10/- p	4½	5¼	+ ¼

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.

3/6	Amal. Anthracite	3/6	4/0	+0/1½
4/0	Babcock, Wilcox Ord.	44/3	48/3	+1/6
2/6	Baldwins	2½	2 2/32	.....
2/6	Brown (John)	1/9	2/3	.....
3/6	Dorman Long	3/0	3/6	.....
1/7½	Dowlais Cammell Laird	1/4½	1/10	.....
33/0	Cory (William)	31/6	32/6	.....
2/9	Dorman Long	34/6	36/6	+0/1½
15/9	Guest Keen	15/3	16/0	+0/6
1/4½	Pease and Partners	1/1½	1/7½	.....
20/0	South Durham Steel	18/6	19/6*	.....
14/0	Stewarts & Lloyds Def	14/0	17/0	+0/3
8 0	Vickers Ord.	8/3	8/9	+0/6

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

17/6	Argentine Land Invest.	3½	1	.....
11/0	Do. Southern Land	1	1	.....
—	City Sm Bnkr Imps.	2/0	4/0	.....
8/6	Forestal Land	8/0	9/0	.....
19/6	Hudson's Bay Ord.	19/3	20/3	.....
—	Hyderabad Deccan	15/-	20/-	.....
—	Internat. Invest. Certs.	1	1	.....
2/6	Pekin Syndicate	1/6	2/6	.....
22/6	Smith Plantations	1	1	.....

NEWSPAPERS.

16/3	Amal Newspapers Df.(5/-)	8/4½	9/10½*	—0/1½
8/3	Allied News Ord.	6/6	8/6	—0/3
—	Amal Press (New)	8/0	11/0	—0/3
23/9	Daily Mail Trust	21/6	22/0	—0/6
8 3	Daily Mirror Ord.	7/6	8 0	—0/3
—	Financial Newspapers	½	⅝	+⅛
18/1½	Sunday Pictorial	97/3	1 3/32	.....

NITRATES.

60	(Cosach 7 p.c. Stef. Bds.	55	65*	.....
12/6	Cosach B Ord.	1/6	2/6	.....
	Lautaro Nitrate 6 p.c. Pref. (£5)	16/9	17/9	+0/9

BRITISH RAILWAY TRAFFICS.

	Past Week.	Increase.
Great Western Railway	£415,000	£35,000
London, Midland, and Scottish Railway	£642,000	£97,000
London and North-Eastern Railway	£735,000	£85,000
Southern	£522,000	£37,000

OIL PRODUCTION.

Tucupe Oilfields of Venezuela.—Oil produced during December, 1931—1,730 tons.

OILS.

—	Anglo-American	8/7½	4½	.....
—	Anglo-Ecuadorian	8/4½	8/10½	+0/1½
—	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1	1⅛	.....
15/16	Anglo-Persian Ord.	15/16	1 1/32	+1/32
22/0	Do. 6 p.c. 1st Pref.	21/0	22/3*	+0/6
21/0	Do. 5 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21/0	22/3*	+0/6
10/0	Apex (Trinidad £5/- shares)	10 1½	10/7½	+0/7½
1 3/32	Attock	29/32	30/32	.....
3/8	British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	3/0	4/0	.....
3/7½	British Burmah (£1)	3/3	4/3	.....
1/2	British Controlled	1/4½	1/7½	+0/1½
1/0	Do. Pref.	2/3	2/6	+0/3
1 5/32	Burmah	1 5/32	1 7/32	+⅛
21 10½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	21/6	22/6	.....
6/10½	Canadian Eagle, Ord.	4/10½	5/1½	+0/1½
8/6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st. Pref. (£5)	3/0	3/6	.....
7/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	6/6	8/0	.....
1/0	Kern River (10/-)	1/6	2/0	.....
12/32	Lobitos	13/32	15/32	+1/32
5/16	Mexican Eagle Ord.	3/16	3/4	+3/32
5/9	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	5/3	6/3	.....
3/6	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref. (4 paid)	5/0	6/0	.....
6/3	North Caucasian (10/-)	5/1½	6/6	.....
—	Rose-Asserieux "B"	20	25	.....
3/9	Phœnix Oil	3/6	4/0	.....
1/16	Do. 7/- shares	1/0	2/0	.....
12 32	Royal Dutch	12¼	13⅜	+⅛
1 7/32	Shell Transport	1 6/32	1 6/32	+1/32
6¼	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	8¼	9¼	.....
20/4½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	20/3	20/9	+0 1½
3/9	Stanic Hispano	3/6	4/0	.....
3/16½	Tanakura Pref.	3/7½	4/1½	.....
1/8	Trinidad Central	1/0	2/0	.....
1½	Trinidad Leaseholds	1¼	1 9/32	+1/32
3/1½	United Brit. Trinidad	2/9	3/3	.....
2 1/32	V.O.C. Holdings	2 1/32	2 3/32	+1/32
2 7/32	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	2 7/32	2 9/32	+1/32

RUBBERS.

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13 0	Anglo-Dutch	12 7½		+0/1½
0/0	Anglo-Java	0/0		—0/0½
2½	Anglo-Malay	0 4½		.....
1/2	Bukit Mertajam	0/3		.....
0/3	Bukit Sembawang	0/3		.....
7/8	Grand Central	7/3		.....
2/3	Highlands	13/11½		.....
5/2	Jugra Land	5/3		.....
1 3/16	Kuala Lumpur	1 3/16		.....
15/7½	Linggi	15/7½		.....
2/11½	London Asiatic	2/0½		.....
0/6	Malacca	11/3		.....
0/0	Malaysian	0/0		.....
0 0½	Merlimau	0/10		.....
13/0	Rubber Trust	12/6		.....
15/0	Tandjong	6/3		.....
13/0	Tandjong Malim	12/6		.....
6/0	Vallambrosa	5/0		.....

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	7½	Imperial	3½	.....
Assam Co.	1 3/32	Jetinga Valley	2¼	.....
Assam Consol.	1 3/32	Jhanzie	1 5/16	.....
Assam Frontier	1 3/32	Jokai	1 9/16	.....
Bor'want'lawa	3	Jorehaut	1 9/16	.....
Borelli	1

ELECTIONEERING IN THE FREE STATE.

FIANNA FAIL CANDIDATES SELECTED.

TERFORD'S DENIAL OF A LOCAL HITCH.

ERDAY being a Roman Catholic holiday, electioneering meetings were held many parts of the country. The Fianna Fail Party selected candidates in ber of constituencies.

r Waterford Correspondent denies the suggestion that there is a hitch in lations of Cumann na nGaedheal with the old National League Party in ford, and announces that Captain Redmond will accompany President Cos- on his forthcoming visit to Ennis.

N NA nGAEDHEAL.

GROTESQUE AND ABSURD."

OM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WATERFORD, Wednesday.

everal interviews to-day with leaders ann na nGaedheal and Redmondite am in a position to state that there tch in the fusion between the two

ohn Hearne, a well-known Waterford nd contractor, and Chairman of the nch of Cumann na nGaedheal, de- he report as grotesque and absurd. e is not a scintilla of truth in it," rne said.

earne, referring to a recent meeting overnment Party in Waterford, said meeting was intended exclusively for Government Party supporters, "be- he said, "we wished to select our hers to act on the joint committee parties about to be formed. Old s of Captain Redmond will do like- nd the new committee will be ly representative of the new alliance. e did not think it necessary to invite aptain Redmond's party to the meet-

hly, Mr. Hearne said, it was only that such matters as organisation and n connection with the coming election touched on at such a well-attended but there was not the slightest in- of our party acting single-handed. Hearne added that he believed that Redmond had been informed that the was to be held.

CAPTAIN REDMOND'S STATEMENT.

I saw Captain Redmond later he ly agreed with Mr. Hearne's state- d showed me the letter that he had apprising him of the meeting. Un- ly the Waterford secretary, Mr. M. had addressed it to Earlsfort terrace, and, as Captain Redmond has been in d over the week-end, it did not reach il this morning.

orrest's letter stated :—" I am writing not as an invitation to be present, ly to inform you what we are doing, f you wish to attend we will welcome

y case, Captain Redmond said that he circumstances he would not feel to attend the meeting.

Edmond Walsh, T.C., ex-Mayor of rd, and Chairman of the old dite Party, absolutely denied the t that a meeting of the party d in his house. Captain and Mrs. d called on him and his family, and n Bryan Cunningham and one or two all old supporters of Captain d.

Vincent White, T.D., described the of the hitch as a mischievous and -for statement.

e is no truth whatever in the said Dr. White.

CONTEST WATERFORD.

n Redmond told me definitely hat he has no intention of standing constituency but Waterford at the election. He has been invited to r Wexford and Clare, but has decided rward for the constituency which has o loyal to him and his distinguished He is anxious, however, to lend all tance to the Government in any con- y, and he will accompany President o when he speaks at Ennis.

NTY LEITRIM MEETING.

LIAMENTARY SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

ROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BALLYSHANNON, Wednesday.

ssing a meeting in support of the na nGaedheal candidates at Kin- County Leitrim, to-day, Mr. J. N. Parliamentary Secretary to the of Industry, said that he succeeded g sanction from the Government for ge scheme that would mean an ex- e of £60,000, but that the scheme cked at a meeting of the County by Ben Maguire, a Fianna Fail T.D. olan spoke strongly in support of the tion Amendment Act, and said that ould be no intimidation at this elec- Fianna Fail, he said, had started a ar that cost the country millions, hat could have been spent in develop- the country now.

A FAIL.

OUNTY TIPPERARY.

DAN BREEN SELECTED.

ROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

THURLES, Wednesday.

anna Fail convention representative of unty Tipperary met in Thurles this on for the selection of candidates at thcoming general election. The meet- ed close on six hours, and over two d delegates, representing 105 clubs, present. Dr. James Ryan, T.D., M. Comyn, K.C., and Senator W. Fethard, attended.

representatives were informed that al report of the proceedings could be ut unofficially it was learned that the g six candidates were nominated :— ayes, T.D.; Andrew Fogarty, T.D., imothy Sheehy, T.D. (outgoing); Breen (at present in New York), Pro- J. J. Davin, a native of Rossgreen, and Martin Ryan, Lacken, Newport, Tipperary.

COUNTY GALWAY.

GATES AND VOTING PAPERS

OM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

GALWAY, Wednesday.

Conor Maguire presided over the Fail convention here to-day to select tes. No fewer than twenty-seven were put before the delegates, of 00 were reported present. The pro- lasted for more than five hours, although the proceedings were har- up to the end, the number of votes, arison with the number of delegates, allenged, and it is possible that dent Republican candidates may go for election in opposition to the n of the convention.

candidates pledged themselves to y the result of the convention, and, scrutiny of the credentials, a motion t the outgoing members—Messrs. owell, Killaiea and Jordan, and Dr. —*en bloc* was defeated. The election n proceeded with by ballot, delegates seven names on the ballot papers d, as it had already been agreed to ward that number of candidates.

the counting had concluded it was ced that the five sitting members had ominated, and, in addition, Messrs. ley, Clifden, and P. Beegan, Cappa anna Fail organiser. Mr. Fahy, it ted, had secured 331 votes.

gate said that some members had got an one voting paper.

Chairman said that the numbers as tallied more or less with the number ates present, and no further comment was made. It was stated later, however, that a number of delegates objected to the findings of the Convention, and would protest and possibly run an independent candidate on the ground that more votes were recorded than there were members present.

The runners-up to the selected members were Messrs. E. Corbett, Chairman, Galway County Council, and Mr. James Cosgrove, ex-National Party T.D., who were within a few votes of nomination.

LONGFORD-WESTMEATH.

FOUR CANDIDATES SELECTED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MULLINGAR, Wednesday.

Fianna Fail held a convention to select candidates for Longford-Westmeath in Mullingar to-day. The proceedings were in private, but Mr. P. Brett, who presided at a largely attended public meeting held subsequently in the County Hall, announced the result in opening the proceedings. The following four candidates (there are five seats in the constituency) were selected :—Messrs. James Geoghegan, K.C., and M. J. Kennedy (outgoing Deputies), and James Victory, Edgeworthstown, a former T.D., and Francis Gormley, Esker, Killoe. Mr. Cormac Breathnach, ex-President of the Gaelic League, presided at the convention.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

At the public meeting Mr. James Victory said that Mr. de Valera had asked for a clear majority, and so far as he had felt the pulse of the electors Mr. de Valera was going to get a clear majority. They had 57 going in after the last election, and would it be too much to ask the electors to give them 100 this time ? He believed it was not asking too much and that they would get it.

Mr. J. Kennedy, T.D., appealed for support for the selected candidates, and, referring to Mr. Geoghegan, said that he had been a pillar of strength to Fianna Fail, not only in that constituency, but in every constituency in the Saorstat in which his valuable services had been given to his party.

Continuing, Mr. Kennedy said that with a preliminary of talk about Bolshevism and Communism to frighten old women, the present Government had at length decided to hold an election at the hardest and most severe part of the year, but, no matter what time they chose, Fianna Fail were prepared to beat them.

GOVERNMENT CRITICISED.

Proceeding, the speaker strongly criticised the Government's work regarding the solution of the housing problem, saying that they had failed to solve it, and in Westmeath anything done in that direction was accomplished by the local public bodies.

Certain people in Westmeath, he said, were calling out for a commissioner, but he could tell them, and could tell the Government, that they would not be in office long enough to appoint a commissioner in Westmeath or anywhere else.

MR. GEOGHEGAN AND THE OATH.

Mr. James Geoghegan, K.C., referred to the oath, and said that Mr. Gwynn and those for whom he wrote knew that anything that was a source of initiation to the people of Ireland was bad for England. They knew that a national Government was coming into power, and hence to-day an English Conservative review was found setting forth a description of the oath as just a mere piece of verbiage; yet they could all remember the hullaballoo that there was when he (Mr. Geoghegan) at Ballinamuck said that the oath should, and would, have to be abolished.

The oath must go, he added, and the sooner the better. They wanted to live in amity with England, but they wanted also to live in equality with England. If they did not want an oath in this country, they would not have it.

Proceeding, he said that things had come to such a state under the present Government that it was seen that the doctor was indispensable, and must be called in; and the only doctor who would effect a cure was Mr. de Valera.

Mr. Breathnach also spoke.

COUNTY CARLOW.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY DENOUNCED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARLOW, Wednesday.

Addressing a public meeting in Tullow to-day after last Mass, Mr. Thomas Derrig, T.D., said that the Government, like Mr. Micawber, were living in hope that something would turn up to enable them to face the country. Meantime the people had to face a Budget deficit of more than a million pounds; an enormous adverse trade balance of something like sixteen millions, and an army of destitute people running into 50,000 or 60,000.

"The question for the people," said Mr. Derrig, "is—what solution the Government has to offer to cope with these problems. Their only policy seems to be one of drift. They have nothing to offer the people, although in a last-minute effort to placate those who demand a strong economic policy they are prepared to throw Mr. Hogan's policy over board. That policy has failed, and it must be clear to everybody that only a determined national effort on all fronts will remedy the economic situation. (Applause.)

THE ENGLISH MARKET.

Mr. Derrig said that he wished to emphasise a few points in connection with Mr. Hogan's suggestion of a small agricultural preference from Great Britain. Firstly, the Free State was buying more manufactured goods from England than any other country. Secondly, the Free State was buying more from Britain than the latter was buying from the Free State. Thirdly, there was no such voluntary preference in the English market for Saorstat products as there was in the Saorstat for English products. Fourthly, Britain had been buying in recent years increasing quantities of agricultural products from other countries, while Irish exports to her had fallen in value. Finally, some 200 millions of Irish money was invested in Great Britain.

The Fianna Fail Party, said Mr. Derrig, if they receive a mandate from the people, were prepared to retain the land annuities for the benefit of Irish agriculture. The retention of the land annuities was not, as was often argued, a fraudulent or charlatan claim. If there was a case to be argued it should be left to the British Government to put up their case.

IN THE ARMS OF ENGLAND.

Mr. Thomas Harris, T.D. (Kildare) said that they had nine years' experience of the present Government, and during that time their policy had not brought peace or prosperity to the country. The majority of the people believed that when the Treaty was signed and Mr. Cosgrave returned to office he would introdure an economic policy that would give the people a chance of living in their own country and promote the development of native industries. It should be plain now that the present Government did not utilise the opportunity that they got to develop the country in the interests of the Irish people.

The Minister for Agriculture now said that the Free State must depend on the English market altogether. They had thrown the policy of Griffith overboard. They only used it to get the people to put them in power, and they had carried out a policy that had depopulated this country in the last seventy or eighty years and created unemployment, poverty and distress. What was wrong with the Government was that they had gone over completely into the arms of England. (Applause.)

COUNTY LOUTH.

FIANNA FAIL AND IRISH TRADE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

DROGHEDA, Wednesday.

Speaking at a Fianna Fail meeting here to-night, Mr. Sean Lemass, T.D., said that Mr. Hogan, whom he regarded as the leader of the Government, declared his policy recently in a striking phrase. "I would rather," he said, "get one small preference from Engand than have all the tariffs contained in the entire policy of Fianna Fail." In other words, said Mr. Lemass, he would rather barter the chances of the Irish people to protect their industries. Trade with Britain always was and always will be of great importance to this country, and Fianna Fail would take no action consistent with the development of the home industries which would endanger that trade in any way, but when they came to consider this country's trade relations with Britain, two facts must be borne in mind. One was that we buy more goods from England than any other country in the world; and, two, that the balance of trade is in England's favour.

The Irish High Commissioner in London pointed out recently that for every pound spent by England in this country, we spend £1 2s. 6d. in England, while for every pound spent by England in Denmark, the Danes only spend three shillings and ninepence in return.

Messrs. Frank Aiken, T.D.; Thomas O'Donnell and K. O'Reilly also spoke.

COUNTY MONAGHAN.

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CARRICKMACROSS, Wednesday.

Addressing a large Fianna Fail meeting at Carrickmacross to-day, Mr. Lemass conveyed Mr. de Valera's regret for his inability to attend owing to a very bad cold.

The most striking pronouncement in Mr. Lemass's speech was that the very essence of Republicanism was the representation of the people's wishes; and, in the event of his party being returned, those wishes would be carried out, regardless of Mr. Blythe's gunmen and friends.

Referring to the coming visit of Mr. Hogan and Mr. McGilligan to discuss with representatives of the British Cabinet matters affecting commercial relations with England, he denied the power of those gentlemen to commit this country to any arrangement except with the approval of the people. Fianna Fail realised that the question of trade with Britain must always be of primary importance.

Several planks, he said, in Fianna Fail's industrial programme, which members of the Government had formerly ridiculed, had been adopted, in a way suggesting incompetence and death-bed repentance.

THE OATH.

The retaining of the oath, he said, was responsible for the failure to restore law and order. He did not say that the removal of the oath would secure permanent peace, but there was a chance that it would.

Appealing for support for Fianna Fail's nominees, he concluded with a review of Fianna Fail's attitude towards retaining the land annuities, which he regarded as one of the most serious questions in issue at the coming election.

Contrasting the proposals for the cancellation of Germany's payments towards the Allies, Mr. Lemass asserted that the willingness of the Free State Government to continue these payments was the great argument used against the United States proposal in response to the petition of four hundred Catholic priests and archbishops in San Francisco.

Mr. T. O'Donnell, speaking as a supporter of the policy of Mr. John E. Redmond, said that there was no longer a National League, and the people had now to decide between Cumann na nGaedheal and Fianna Fail.

Dr. Ward, referring to the land annuities question, said that so long as they had hunger and poverty confronting the people, regardless of any legal contention, it was morally wrong to pay five millions to any foreign power.

GOLD STANDARD IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Times Johannesburg Correspondent telegraphed yesterday :—The movement in favour of abandoning the gold standard is gaining momentum. The executive of the Federated Chambers of Industry has decided to call a special convention on January 18th to consider the question.

THE LATE DEAN OF CLOGHER.

The remains of Very Rev. Dean Haire-Forster, Killacoonagh, Newbliss, were laid to rest yesterday in the family burying-ground, Killeevan. The Bishop of Clogher (Dr. McManaway) presided over a robed Chapter of the following clergy :—The Rev. Canon Pratt, the Rev. Canon McTighe, the Rev. C. M. Stack, the Rev. Hubert McManaway, and the Rev. W. W. W. Scott.

The Service in the church included the hymn, "Abide with Me." When the remains were being taken from the church to their last resting-place they were accompanied by a robed procession of clergy and the bishop, while the organist (Miss M. Tipping) played The Dead March in "Saul."

At the graveside the Rev. H. McManaway read the last prayers, and the bishop pronounced the Benediction.

The attendance included :—Captain H. Haire-Forster (son), the Misses Haire-Forster (daughters), the Earl of Belmore, Mr. Porter Porter, Bellisle; Lieutenant-Colonel Madden, Colonel Gledstanes, Clogher; Major Stewart, Clogher; Major Richardson, Monaghan; Mr. J. M. Bolton, Donaghmoyne; Mr. A. Hazlett, T.D., Glaslough; Mr. James Quigley, engineering inspector, Dublin; Sharman Ross, Monaghan; Mr. M. E. Knight, solicitor, Clones; Mr. A. Y. Knight, Annalore; Dr. F. C. Fitzgerald, J.P., Newtownbutler; the Rev. E. J. Quigley, P.P., Killeevan; the Rev. W. Hiers, together with many clergy.

Fruit and Flowers.

AN OPENING FOR IRELAND.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

IN view of the tariff recently imposed by the British Government on Continental garden produce, the question of developing the cultivation of fruits, flowers, and vegetables as an Irish commercial industry is one which should commend itself to all who are interested in promoting the material welfare of our country. It is a sad commentary on the attitude of those responsible for the development of the natural resources of Ireland to note that with the exception of certain districts outside the Free State fruit-growing on commercial lines is virtually a dead letter.

Climatically and geographically the Irish Free State possesses all the requirements of a fruit-producing country. Every portion of it is now so easy of access, that the transit of fruit, either for sale in our large centres of population, or for export, can be conducted with the utmost facility and despatch. Sir Horace Plunkett visualised this thirty years ago, when, under his wise *régime* as head of the Department of Agriculture, he established numerous orchards in noted fruit-producing districts throughout the southern counties, in which many hundreds of young apple trees of the most approved varieties for commercial purposes were planted.

HARDY FRUITS.

As a means of counteracting the visitations of agricultural depression with which the Irish farmer is, unfortunately, becoming too familiar, the cultivation of hardy fruits is a matter worthy of serious consideration and attention. We possess the necessary requirements of a genial climate and a fertile soil, and it certainly seems difficult to understand that while thousands of acres of the best fruit land in the world are lying virtually derelict in the Midland and Southern counties, we are paying away to foreigners thousands of pounds annually for fruit which we could produce at home, if we simply took up and developed the industry in a proper commercial spirit.

Hardy fruit-growing, after all, is not by any means the technically difficult subject that it may appear to the average Irish farmer, nor can those who would make light of its importance fall back on any trustworthy data in support of the theory that it would not succeed. It may be, as recently stated, that the Irish Free State has not half as much land under fruit as the garden county of Kent. That statement, if correct, only goes to show that we, in Ireland, have not realised the possibilities of the industry, either as a source of employment or of profit.

It may be asked if hardy fruit-growing is capable of development as a remunerative industry and a panacea for unemployment, why do we not make more money from our existing orchards than we do at present? This is the crucial point of the entire question, and the answer is: because we do not market our fruit properly. We do not devote the necessary attention to the important details of grading and packing, and consequently our fruit, when placed on the market, does not present the attractive appearance which purchasers require. Would it not be a proper course for the responsible authorities, in supplementing the cultural instructions placed at the disposal of the people, to establish classes in the fruit-growing districts for instruction in the grading and packing of all hardy fruits for market?

SOFT FRUITS.

Soft fruits, which are less extensively cultivated, are also capable of being profitably grown on commercial lines. If it pays British jam manufacturers to establish factories in the Free State, it should pay Irish farmers to keep out the foreign fruit-pulp by growing sufficient quantities of strawberries, black and red currants, raspberries, and gooseberries, to meet the requirements of the manufacturers, and thus make the Irish jam industry essentially Irish.

Forced strawberries, tomatoes, and French beans are capable of commanding high prices, but as their cultivation involves the provision of glass and heat, they are outside the scope of the present considerations. To those, however, who may possess facilities for their commercial cultivation, a remunerative outlet is certainly within their grasp.

Flowers are always in demand in our centres of population, especially early daffodils and narcissi, which are produced in South Kerry quite as early as those coming from abroad to our markets, but have hitherto, unfortunately, been "born to blush unseen." What a floral harvest might be reaped in the lovely valleys along the seaboard of that historic county by the application of a little enterprise ! Regarding vegetable cultivation for export, the opportunity offered by the restrictions on the importation of Continental produce is too obvious to call for comment.

AN APPEAL TO THE SPEAKER.

LABOUR M.P.'S WANT PARLIAMENT TO RESUME.

An urgent appeal by Labour M.P.'s to the Speaker of the House of Commons to summon Parliament immediately to consider the important, far-reaching questions now facing the country was sent from Glasgow last night.

The signatories include Mr. James Maxton, Mr. David Kirkwood, Mr. John McGovern, Mr. George Buchanan, and Mr. R. C. Wallhead, M.P. for Merthyr.

The appeal says :—

"The state of industry, which has gone from bad to worse; the unparalleled fear and misery of the great masses of the people owing to unemployment and the harsh administration of the means test, and the burden of excessive rents, and the creeping paralysis of the iron and steel industry and the insensate proposals of the cotton employers to restore barbarous hours of labour, appear to us to make it imperative that the Government should meet the House of Commons at once to deal with the present ills.

"Also the arrest of Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Patel makes it plain that the Government are embarking on a blundering policy which will commit the people of this country to the repression of the 300 million people in India, which can only end in disaster to our people here, financial collapse and the loss in very truth of the working people's deposits in savings banks.

"Accordingly, we hope that it will be possible for you to take the necessary steps to call the House together at once to deal with the situation."

THE EXPORT OF IRISH EGGS.

OFFICIAL METHODS CRITICISED.

"REGULATIONS WITHOUT COMMON-SENSE."

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

CLAREMORRIS, Wednesday.

WHEN the attention of a well-known Claremorris egg exporter was drawn to the warning of the Department of Agriculture, published to-day, that a vast amount of export trade in eggs is being lost owing to slovenly methods of productions and packing, he placed the entire blame on the Department itself.

"Next to Monaghan," he said, "the Counties of Mayo and Galway are the chief egg-producing counties in the country. Farmers and shippers are disgusted at the prices prevailing at present. When the Government introduced the Agricultural Produce Act in 1925 the Press and public were led to believe that the hen was the turning point in the fortunes of the country if the regulation of the trade was left in the hands of officials. Despite all these regulations, the producer at times last year received only sixpence per dozen for his eggs. Three Sligo shippers have had to close down an extensive export trade because the regulations were imposed with such severity and with such complete disregard for the shippers' point of view that they found it impossible to carry on economically.

"A case of eggs on inspection by an official may be found to contain four or five inferior or "trade" eggs, or, perhaps, a few cracked eggs. The Department confiscates the entire case, worth £6. The common-sense thing to do would be to take out the offending eggs and pass the remainder—but then there is no rule for common-sense in the regulations, officials act on a formula."

THE WEIGHT TEST.

Speaking of the weight test, he said :—"Some eggs in a consignment may be below the standard weight required by the Act, although, taken as a whole, the weight of the entire case may be well up to the standard. Yet the Department can confiscate the lot, and the paradox is; that the very eggs thus confiscated as unfit for export are actually sold by the Department in Ireland, and the money goes to its funds."

This exporter's main complaint was, however, against that treatment of eggs as a currency rather than as an independent industry. "Shopkeepers all over the country," he said, "are buying eggs good, bad and indifferent, all at the same rates, in exchange for groceries, which they supply to the farmer's wife. If eggs are not bought and paid for on their merits, there is no inducement to the producer to improve the quality of his produce. The Department should see to it that eggs are sold in premises registered for that purpose alone, or else given to collectors who pay cash, and do not give groceries in exchange. Eggs are still being produced under the old conditions. The farmer's wife gathers them from dirty and insanitary barns and outhouses, puts them in a bucket and cleans them by pouring boiling water over them. Eighty per cent. of these eggs are fertile, and such a cleaning process leaves them predisposed to rapid decay. These eggs will pass the Department's light test and every other test, but they become bad on arrival in England or shortly afterwards."

NO ROOM FOR MIDDLEMEN.

He concluded by stating that the Department, instead of pestering ninety-nine per cent. of the exporters who know their business and are anxious to enhance the reputation of the Irish egg, should concentrate on the bad shippers, and either educate them or eliminate them altogether.

"A further cause," he said, "of the difficulties of the Irish egg export trade is the fact that the Department has never intelligently tried to improve the marketing conditions in England. Eggs are sold almost entirely to cross-Channel speculators, whereas they should go direct to the multiple shops and co-operative stores without the intervention of a middleman at all. This neglect of the producers' interests has engendered in the farmer a contempt for officialism, equalled only by the official contempt for the farmer."

DONCASTER RACE RECEIPTS DECREASE.

£20,000 IN TWO YEARS.

The fall in receipts at the Doncaster Race Meeting led to the Race Committee of the Doncaster Town Council to announce to the Council last night that they would be unable to make a grant in aid of the Doncaster general rate for the year ending March, 1933. This is the first time that a grant has not been made.

Mr. E. Wilburn, Chairman of the Race Committee, said that, owing to the terrible weather in 1930, the Committee's receipts showed a decrease of £10,000 on the previous year, and last year the receipts were only slightly in excess of 1930. In two years they were down by about £20,000 on the normal income. Apart from stakes, the expenses of the meeting, and the maintenance of the course, the committee had paid in national and local taxation £24,204.

Although they recommend no contribution to the general rate for the coming year, they would pay to the Corporation about £9,000 in rates and over £6,000 in rents. They would also have to pay £2,000 in income tax, and were faced with the increase of entertainment tax, which would be about £1,800.

The decision of the committee was approved by the Council.

TWO MEN TRAPPED BY RISING TIDE.

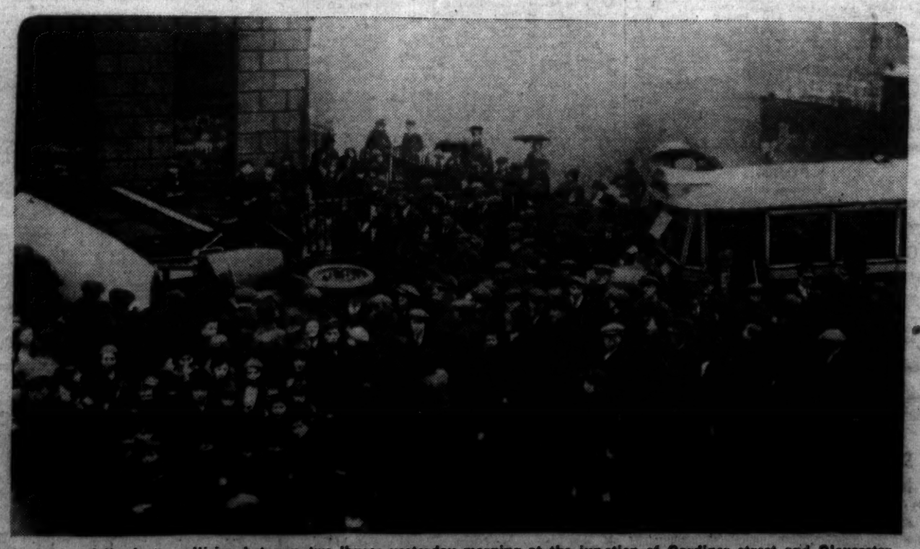
CLINGING FOR LIFE TO IRON RAIL.

Trapped by the tide in Kinneil Bay, near Bo'ness, West Lothian, two men clung for two hours to an iron rail while the water rose steadily until it reached their chests. Their dog refused to leave them and swam round.

The waves, lashed by a strong wind, swept right over their heads, but fortunately the tide receded as quickly as it had risen, and the men were able to reach the shore very exhausted and suffering considerably from their long immersion in the water.

The men were John Thomson, of Furnace row, Bo'ness, and Thomas Chalmers, of Laurieston, near Falkirk, and, accompanied by a Labrador dog, they were shooting ducks on an embankment forming part of a land reclamation scheme in the bay.

OMNIBUSES IN COLLISION.



The scene following a collision between two 'buses yesterday morning at the junction of Gardiner street and Gloucester street, Dublin. The occupants of both vehicles had narrow escapes.

DEARER PRICES FOR BACON.

LEIX BOARD'S PROTEST.

GOVERNMENT ASKED TO TAKE ACTION.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

MARYBOROUGH, Wednesday.

THE County Agricultural Committee at Maryborough to-day passed a resolution protesting against the sharp rise in bacon prices since the imposition of the tariff. This rise they consider unreasonable in view of the recent prices for pigs, and they called on the Government to take immediate action in the matter.

Mr. J. Delaney, the proposer, said that some steps should be taken to deal with the profiteering that was going on. Manufacturers and curers had immense stocks of bacon, which were put in when pigs were bought at very low prices. Already there was an increase of twopence a pound, and more, he believed, in some places. The Government should take steps to prevent for at least a month an increase in the price of bacon in stock. It was unjust, unfair and unreasonable to have the price increased.

Mr. J. Finlay said that the factories were full of bacon.

HIGHER RETAIL PRICES.

Mr. J. Byrne mentioned a shop which had increased the price by threepence per pound.

Mr. Delaney said that the price had been raised by £1 per cwt. already, which was scandalous. This was going to destroy any form of protection that was given to the country. Prohibition of imports would be the proper thing. The producer would get a proper price for the article that he put on the market, but the curer should not increase the price.

The Chairman (Mr. P. J. Gorry, T.D.) said that there would have to be a Control Board or some organisation to prevent "profiteering," or the unfair exploitation of the position.

Mr. Finlay said that he saw pigs sold in Rathdowney for twenty-eight shillings per cwt., the bacon from which would be only fit to come on the market now.

Mr. Delaney said that instead of the people benefiting by the tariff, those who bought at low prices and stored bacon for months were going to make all the profit. The Government had, off their own bat, without going to the Tariff Commission, put on the tariff, which should have been done ten years ago.

LOCAL PROVISION STORES.

On making inquiries subsequently at some of the principal provision stores in Maryborough, an *Irish Times* representative was informed that, although the wholesale price of bacon had been increased, no advance had so far been made in retail prices in those establishments. Irish bacon only is stocked.

At the Maryborough Pig Fair to-day, supplies were small and demand brisk. Live weight price of baconers was 41s. to 42s. per cwt. Bonhams, which were scarce, fetched 30s. each.

U.S. ALARM OVER MANCHURIA.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT EXPECTED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

Following the conversation which took place yesterday between the United States Secretary of State and the British and French Ambassadors regarding further co-operation of France, Britain and the United States on the Manchurian question, it is indicated in highly authoritative circles that an important statement by Mr. Stimson on the United States policy in the Far East may shortly be expected.

Mr. Stimson, however, declines to make any comment.

Official despatches have been received by the State Department indicating that the Japanese are campaigning beyond Chinchow, in the direction of China proper, and such action is viewed with concern.

"BACK TO VERSAILLES TREATY."

PLEA FOR ORIGINAL PLAN OF DISARMAMENT.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.

The necessity for "energetic steps to bring about the original plan of disarmament" included in the Versailles Treaty was stressed by Mr. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State, in a speech before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day.

He declared that if the United States did not send a delegation to the Disarmament Conference "the whole peace and stability of the world would receive a setback that would be almost incalculable."

Mr. Stimson said that the failure of the Allies to imitate German disarmament had produced "a condition of disparity in Europe," which in its turn was responsible for a general "restlessness."

SCANDINAVIA'S TRADE DIFFICULTIES.

MAY SEEK AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

OSLO, Wednesday.

Negotiations for a financial and trade agreement between Britain and the Scandinavian countries may possibly be opened as a result of the conference of the Norwegian, Swedish and Danish Foreign Ministers, which opened at Copenhagen to-day.

Newspapers here, commenting on the conference, suggest that such an agreement with Great Britain will be discussed.

FREE STATE'S INSANE.

DECREASE IN 1930.

The report of the Inspector of Mental Hospitals, published to-day, shows that the number of persons admitted to public and private mental institutions in the Free State during the year ended 31st December, 1930, was 2,348, a decrease of 348 compared with the previous year's total.

The number of persons under care was 20,084, an increase of 34 on the figures for 1929. Of this total 52.2 per cent. were males and 47.8 per cent. females.

The table showing admissions to District and Auxiliary Mental Hospitals during the year reveals that the majority of the men admitted were between the ages of 25 and 54 years, whereas the ages of the women were between 35 and 54.

The number of patients detained in the State Criminal Lunatic Asylum, Dundrum, at the end of 1930 was 115 (96 males and 19 females), a decrease of 16 on the figures for the preceding year.

277 men and 210 women were allowed absence on probation from mental hospitals during the year. Discharges, which included eight male patients who escaped and were not re-taken, totalled 1,174. The percentage of recoveries on the admissions was 37.6. The total number of deaths was returned as 1,099, 17 less than in 1929. Two per cent. of these deaths were due to general paralysis of the insane and 21 per cent. to pulmonary tuberculosis.

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MAN KILLED IN EXPLOSION.

TWO OTHERS RECEIVE BURNS.

One man was killed and two others were injured in an explosion at the works of the Imperial Chemical Industries at Runcorn, Cheshire, last evening.

The victim was William Frederick Sheen, married, of Wellington street, Runcorn. The two injured men are Peter Wakefield (36), of Surrey street, Runcorn, and Edmund Wainwright (35), of Barne's Cottages, Runcorn.

The explosion occurred in the carbon bisulphide department. The force of the explosion wrecked the building. Sheen's body was recovered from the *débris* after about three hours' search. The injured men were conveyed to the Runcorn Cottage Hospital, suffering from burns about the hands and face.

The noise of the explosion was heard a mile away.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mountpottinger Church, Belfast, taking time by the forelock, has just issued its annual report for 1931. Tribute is borne to Mr. R. W. Charlesson, who retires from the office of senior circuit steward, which he has filled with outstanding ability for five years. The Sunday collections during the year amounted to £635, whilst for home and foreign missions and other special objects a much larger sum was contributed. The Rev. B. G. East is the minister of the church.

In the death of Professor S. J. Crawford, M.A., B.Litt., D.Phil., of Edinburgh University, many well-known Irish Methodist families have been bereaved. Dr. Crawford grew up in connection with Carlisle Memorial Church, Belfast. He was a brother of the Rev. R. C. P. Crawford, the Superintendent of the Castlebar and Mayo Mission; a nephew of the Rev. McCrea, M.A., Principal of Edgehill College, Belfast, and son-in-law of Mr. J. Vanner Early, of Witney, Oxon. His early death is very deeply regretted.

Mr. William Treanor, of Roscrea, is the oldest local preacher in connection with the Methodist Church in Ireland. Although in his ninety-fourth year, he still preaches, and recently delivered a lecture on "The Famine Times."

The members of the Young Men's Association belonging to Falls Road Church, Belfast, have set an example which might well, in these hard times, be followed by young men in other churches. The lecture hall attached to the church needing renovation, these young men got the church to provide the materials, and in their spare hours repaired, painted and decorated the hall. Not to be outdone by the mere male, the members of the women's department and of the Girls' League got together, and by a sale of work and cake fair they realised some £50 towards meeting other responsibilities of the church.

UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP.

The meetings organised by the Evangelical Alliance were continued yesterday at the Y.M.C.A. Building, Dublin, and last night at Bray, Clontarf and Rathgar.

At the latter place the speaker was the Rev. Dr. J. Denham Osborne, who dealt with international friendship and world peace. He mentioned how aviation had abolished frontiers; wireless is a world umifier; finances are international; the peoples of the world are a unity—such as was not known in all past history. The result is that the peoples of the modern world now are under compulsion to adjust their lives in co-operation with other nations, so as to become a brotherhood or family group. The lesson of world brotherhood as brought by Our Lord has been long ignored, but is now knocking at the door, demanding recognition, under grim penalties if refused entrance. We should pray that brotherhood be brought about, not after some terrific disaster, but that the Church (the only means through which God works) should be awakened to call the nations to repentance. We must pray that the vision of the song of Bethlehem may be in the Council Chamber of Geneva. In the minds of the young the love of peace should be substituted for the thrill of war.

The Rev. L. Parkinson Hill presided at the meeting, the Rev. J. J. Macaulay and the Rev. J. H. Blandford also taking part.

To-night's meeting will be at Kingstown, when the Rev. T. Byers will give an address.

DUBLIN 'BUS ACCIDENT

REMARKABLE ESCAPES.

The driver and conductor of an omnibus which was being driven up Gloucester street, Dublin, yesterday morning, had remarkable escapes from serious injury when it came into collision with another 'bus proceeding along Lower Gardiner street at the junction of the two roads.

The 'bus was struck almost broadside, skidded on the greasy surface of the road, struck a lamp standard, and finally turned over on its side, the woodwork and windows on the near side being completely shattered. The occupants of the vehicle, the driver and conductor, were uninjured, suffering only from shock and bruises.

The radiator of the second 'bus was damaged, and the windscreen splintered, but the driver, conductor and nine passengers were unhurt.

IRISH REGISTERED TRADERS.

At a meeting of the Connaught Council of the Irish Registered Traders' Association, held in Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo, on Sunday last, Mr. Peter Hannon, the Chairman, said that the total amount of the Branch funds in the province was about £650. It was, therefore, decided to strike a further levy of 4s. on each member of the Association in Connaught to create a central fund for the purposes of publicity and organisation.

On the invitation of the Galway Chamber of Commerce a deputation was appointed from the meeting to discuss future policy. It was agreed to hold a convention of all the Free State branches of the Association in Dublin in the near future.

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MOUNTJOY square—4 Montpelier terrace, train fine, facing Amiens road; suitable boardinghouse, flats, residence. Auction 19th.—Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder," D'Olier street. 6 A

PEMBROKE—For Sale, semi-detached, non-basement House; excellent position, close to R.D.S.—Garvey and Good, Lincoln place. 2 D

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PRIM Brothers, House and Estate Agents, 21 Dawson street, Dublin, have Property Vacant for Sale; all districts. 'Phone 61485.

PRETTY Bungalow, "Duninskin," 87 Vernon avenue, Clontarf (just past Seafield road); six apartments, bathroom, quarter acre, fruit, vegetable garden. Auction 19th. Keys, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder." 6 A

SYDNEY Parade—For Sale, vacant possession, semi-detached, two reception, four bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom (h. and c.), garage, front garden; long lease; rent £24. Apply 31 Upper Mount street. 5 D

SUITE for Sale, Diningroom, on Wanton, an area of three-bedroom, or House for Sale might suit; near R.C. church; any district between South Dublin and Kingstown.—Miss O'Neill, 13 Anna Villas, Dun Laoghaire. 6 A

"SILVERDALE," 28 Castlewood avenue, Rathmines—Unfurnishable, cheerfully situated House. Keys, "The Housefinder." 6 A

"SILVERDALE" is semi-detached, containing drawingroom, diningroom, breakfastroom, four bedrooms, excellent garden. Auction 19th.—Albert MacArthur, D'Olier street, "The Housefinder." 6 A

WELL secured Profit Ground Rent £40 odd for Sale, offered at £450 to close account. Apply Corrigan and Co., 4 Grafton street. 6 A

8 ADELAIDE road—Sale, £1,200, or exchange, equal rental £7 10/-. Ref. No. 19. 5 F

21 WAVERLEY Avenue, Fairview—Basementless, corner, sunny House, 3 sitting, 4 bedrooms, gas, electricity, garage; rent £60 10/-; £630 or offer. Arthur Jones and Son, 10 Stephen Green. 4 E

37 FOYLE road—Cosy little House, off Philipsburg avenue, Fairview. "Inspection invited." 6 A

37 FOYLE road—Bungalow, three sitting, three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen. Auction, 19th.—Albert MacArthur, D'Olier street, "The Housefinder." 6 A

65 WATERLOO road—Nice 4-roomed House, hot and cold, electric light, large garden, commodious garage; price £1,250. Keys, Corrigan and Co., 4 Grafton street. 4 E

HOUSES TO LET.

AT Templeogue—Gate Lodge, 2 rooms, kitchen, scullery, quarter acre, rent 25/-, weekly.—Probert and McMahon, 132 Stephen's Green. 4 E

FIGHT with Both Hands, by George Cupples, in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price two-pence.

HOUSES To Let, Furnished and Unfurnished, in Dublin and suburbs.—Lalor and Company, Limited. T

TO Let, for four to six months from 1st May next, Furnished Cottage, with garden, etc.; six rooms, kitchen, garage, etc.; North side, adjoining Phœnix Park.—N 1225, this office. 5 F

THE Next House" a thrilling new serial, in the "Weekly Irish Times" to-day. Price two-pence. 5 F

BUSINESS, BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, ETC.

FACTORY—Peterborough Premises, 8/13 Chief street, well lighted, offices, large yard, gas and electricity, for Sale or Rent. Apply above address. 6 A

DRESS AND COSTUME.

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Higgins, 1 Aston's quay; highest prices, Ladies', Gentlemen's, Children's. Left Off Clothing, Furniture, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth; complete parcels received. 6 A

ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Cusack, 65 Aungier street, gives highest prices for Left Off Clothing, Furniture, etc.; distance no object. 6 A

ABOUT Clothes—Highest prices for Ladies', Gents.', Children's Left Off Clothing, Furniture; distance no objection.—Mrs. White, 15 Aungier street. T

BOOTS—Prices—Your Boots, from 4/6 soul. Chicks from 12/6 fowl. Hill's Poultry Farm, Athboy, Meath; genuine pedigree stock, reared on free-range. Write Wynnestay, Eglinton road, Rathfarnham. 6 B

BRIDE—Bride-to-be, Priest and Nuns—exotic Irish Lace, Light Shades; no mass production here; all selected top rated, blood tested, vigorous stock; satisfaction free. 6 A

DAY Old R.I.R. Chicks, due 10th.—Roebuck Park, Dundrum. 'Phone 69. 14/- delivered.

DAY Old Chicks—Light Sussex, blood tested, due 12th inst.—12/-, carriage paid. Charing Hens, 5/-; 17 Light Sussex Chicks, fortnight old, with Rhode Mother, 30/-.—Mrs. Crowe, Monasterboice, Edenderry, Offaly.

EGGS guaranteed New Laid—Weekly Customers wanted for quantity.—Fairyhill, Blackrock. Telephone 158.

FOR Sale, 150 Egg Glevrum, perfect; used once; also two Glevrum Hovers; bargain the lot.—N 1520, this office.

HATCHING Eggs, Pure White Wyandotte, "Strong's strain," 4/6 per dozen; Match hatched Cocks, 10/- each, from same—Mrs. McKeever, Halesd, Naboer, County Meath.

HOT Buttered Eggs, 2/6 dozen; also 116 Egg Glevrum Incubator, recommended by Department Instructress.—56 Belmont avenue, Donnybrook. 6 A

JUNE hatched Aylesbury Drakes, 6/- each, carriage paid.—Monagan, Murray's Cross, Dunleer. 5 F

RARE Chance—15 yearling Hens, Minorca x R.I.R., 5 Buff Rock Pullets (all Departmental), most laying, 4/- each.—Robert, Meelick, Maryborough. 5 D

30 TO 40 Gallons of Milk daily for Sale; delivered to any station.—N 1425, this office. 5 F

HORSES, HARNESS, ETC.

FOR Sale, 2 Mares and 2 Geldings, suit farmers or others; also a Colt.—2 Convent avenue, Richmond road, Fairview.

GOFF'S Weekly Sale, Horses, Traps, Harness, etc., will be held on Thursday, 7th, at 3 o'clock, at Sewell's, 60 Lower Mount street, Dublin.

PONY (13 hands), Trap, Van, two Sets Harness.—14 Greenmount Parade's Cross. 6 A

CATTLE, LIVE STOCK.

FEEDING—8 Gallon Oak Tubs, 2/6; Mixing Tubs, 5/-; 40 gal., Cheapside, 1113 Pembrokestown road.

FOR Heifers, choice lot, stabs early fatteners; reasonable; inspection. Address "Z 2101, Heifers," this office. 5 F

WANTED, a Male Persian or Siamese Kitten. Apply, with full particulars, to Box 566, Irish Times Branch Office, Cork.

12 SPECIALLY selected 3/4 year old Kerry Springers, in great condition, calving February-April (Shorthorn bull); £15 each.—Steward, Mosstown, Co. Longford. 4 E

POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

DURING INCUBATION.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Poultry Correspondent says:—

For the first twenty-four hours the eggs are best left alone. After that, and until the eighteenth day, they should be turned twice daily. On each occasion they should be given a half-turn only the first thing in the morning and the last before dark. The position in the egg drawer should also be changed occasionally, those in the centre placed at the sides, and the reverse. What is called an "airing," or cooling of the eggs used to be recommended—that is, leaving them out a short time, for five minutes at first to fifteen or twenty minutes during the last week at the time of turning; but most breeders have given this up as unnecessary, and in cold weather there is a danger of the eggs becoming chilled. Besides the turning, the only interference necessary is to test them about the eighth day, so that all infertiles and addled eggs may be removed, as they are injurious to the others if left all the time in the incubator.

AT Dalguise, Monkstown, Dublin—Broody Hens, Light Sussex, 6/-; Rhode's, 6/-; Kid Brahma, 6/-; Rhode Cocks, 7/6; Incubator, Millar's, 100 egg, £4 10/-. 4 E

AMERICAN Bronze Turkeys, massive Cockerels and Pullets; Department stamp.—Cooke, Ballymoney, Thurles. 6 A

ALL Colour Budgerigars, Border Canaries, 12/6, 15/-, 20/-, 25/- down, carriage forward.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

BUDGERIGARS—Grey, Green, Yellow, Blue, Cobalt, Mauve, Albino, Dominos, Clearwings, Lutinos, Silvers, Fallows, Cinnamons, Opalines, Pieds, Crests, Satins, Lacewings, Greywings, Yellowfaces, Whitefaces, Normals, Aviary Birds, Parrots, Parrakeets, Finches, Doves, Pigeons, Poultry, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, Peafowl, Pheasants, Eggs, Incubators, Foods, Appliances, Cages, Aviaries, Sundries. Catalogue free.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

CUPRESSUS Macrocarpa, bushy trees, pot grown, 1 ft., 15/- dozen, 80/- 100, carriage paid; larger and smaller in proportionate prices.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

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POTTING Soil for Greenhouse Plants, bulbs, etc., specially prepared, 2/- bushel, two bushels 3/6, delivered.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

RHUBARB, best early Scarlet Crowns, 6/- dozen, postage 1/-; Stools, with several crowns, 9/-; 12/6; 20/- down, carriage forward.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

RASPBERRIES—Lord George, immense cropper, Superlative and all leading varieties, strong fruiting, 4/- dozen, 30/- 100; seconds, 3/- dozen, 20/- 100.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

SURPLUS Garden Produce, Eggs, etc., on Sale or Exchange.—The Proprietor has changed his address, and the business will be continued and shall still be pleased to say it, with Guaranteed New Laid Eggs at 2/- doz.—215 Dawson street, Dublin. Phone: Dundrum, 141.

STRAWBERRY Plants, fruit this summer, 6/- 100; Pamona Grape, 1/4; Wallflowers, named varieties, 2/- doz.—O'Neill, Chestnuts House, Fernhill.

STRAWBERRIES—Strong one year old Plants, fruiting next summer; Royal Sovereign and all leading varieties, 12/, 100, post free 1/6; Rooted Runners 7/-, postage 1/-; cultural instructions.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge.

SEAKALE—Plant now for early cutting, strong roots, 12 for 2/6, post paid; 25, 3/-; 50, 4/-; 100, with cultural instructions.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

WALLFLOWERS, strong transplanted, deliciously perfumed, all colours; sample dozen, 2/-; 50 2/6, 4/-, 100 3/-, 4/6, 7/6, free.—Ramsay, Ballsbridge. 1 X

GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

SEED.

Writing on this subject in the *Weekly Irish Times*, the Garden Correspondent says:—

Already the earliest of the seed catalogues have arrived, and still they come. And there is nothing more helpful in starting the year's work than a comprehensive catalogue issued by a firm of reputa, even to the most practical of practitioners, and less knowledgeable ones find them, as now printed, reliable guides. This is an advantage our gardening forbears missed. We question whether that good seedsman, William Miller, who sent in his bill to ye "Laird of Niddery, ye 16 of Aprile, 1707," and charged him £1 for 4 dwts. (pennyweights, not ounces) of "calliflower," "4 ounce of english parsnep," and other things in proportion, totalling £12 3s., supplied his patron with a catalogue, or had one to supply him, or even with any guarantee of growth; but those were "good old times" in the seed trade.

A—DRUMMOND'S Garden Seed Catalogue for 1932 of Vegetable and Flower Seeds, Potatoes, Manures, Insecticides, Tools, Sundries and Lawn Mowers now published, fully illustrated; copies sent free on application.—Drummond's, Ltd., 57/58 Dawson street, Dublin. 2

AT Drummond's—Procure for Sprouting and Forcing, Early Potatoes, Seakale and Rhubarb; Spray your Fruit Trees with Carbokrimp; Plant Herbaceous and Alpine Plants, Roses, Ornamental Shrubs, Fruit Trees, etc.; catalogues free.—Drummond's, Ltd., Dawson street, Dublin. T

APPLE Trees—12 in 12 best varieties, 10/-, 20/-, 25/-; Currants, Plum and Bush, strong fruiting bushes. 12 4/- and 5/-; Raspberries, Lloyd George, the best variety, 12 2/6, 100 12/6.—Nash Athlone. 16 21

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